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Iran should take steps to improve ties: US

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (Reuter): The United States insisted yesterday that Iran must take the first step towards improving relations between the two countries.

US officials also reaffirmed President Bush's intent to honour the commitment made by his predecessor Ronald Reagan to compensate relatives of 295 people killed when a US Navy vessel shot down an Iranian jetliner last July.

The new statements came as Iran and the United States appeared to be sending signals to see if diplomatic contacts were possible under a new US President.

Responding to a call by a senior Iranian official for Washington to make specific "goodwill" initiatives toward Tehran, State Department spokesman Charles Redman gave no hint that any such gesture was being considered.

Engage

Instead, Redman restated a long-standing US willingness to engage in "authoritative dialogue with responsible representatives of the Iranian government."

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said: "If you're approaching this from the standpoint of some new signal, we believe the signal needs to come from the Iranians."

"They have influence over the hostages," Fitzwater added, referring to nine Americans believed held by pro-Iranian extremists in Lebanon.

Mohammad Javad Larjani, Iran's deputy foreign minister, said in a Washington Post interview that Bush should initiate a goodwill policy towards Tehran by taking specific acts.

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CLOUDY weather with moderate south-easterly wind may freshen at times and some rain is expected later. State of sea: rough. High water: 8.00 am, 6.00 pm. Low water: 12 noon. Sunrise: 6.38 am. Sunset: 4.25 pm. Maximum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 15°C 59°F. Ahmad: 13°C 57°F. Falak: 13°C 55°F. Minimum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 4°C 39°F. Ahmad: 4°C 48°F. Falak: 10°C 50°F. Maximum temperatures expected: Kuwait: 16°C 61°F. Ahmad: 14°C 57°F. Falak: 14°C 57°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 55 per cent. Ahmad: 60 per cent. Falak: 63 per cent.

PLO delegation to visit Damascus soon

Saudi bid to end Arafat-Assad rift

AMMAN, Jan 31. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia, quietly mediating between Syria and the PLO, has won agreement for a PLO delegation to visit Damascus soon, Arab diplomats and Palestinian sources said today.

"President Hafez Al Assad has told the Saudis he is ready for talks with the PLO and to meet Yasser Arafat if the talks go well," an Arab diplomat said.

Campaign

Palestine National Council (PNC) Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Seyeh told a local newspaper this week that a PLO team would go to Damascus soon to discuss a possible Arafat visit.

Arafat, long at odds with Assad, last met the Syrian leader to

cool their personal grudges to serve the Palestinian cause," he said.

A source in the Amman-based PNC, the PLO's legislative body, said Saudi Arabia's King Fahd had launched his latest mediation effort when Assad visited Riyadh in December.

Differences

"It seems that Assad and Arafat have finally realised they should lay aside their differences and do something to advance peace in the region by creating a united Arab stand on how to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict," the source said.

Arab diplomats say healing the rift between Assad and Arafat would help pave the way for a long-postponed regular Arab League summit due to be held in Saudi Arabia.



King Fahd

BP shareholders approve buy-back of Kuwait's shares

LONDON, Jan 31. (Reuter): Shareholders in oil multinational British Petroleum today overwhelmingly approved board plans to buy back a large stake in the firm built up by Kuwait, closing an embarrassing chapter for Britain's biggest company.

The extraordinary shareholders' meeting was essentially a rubber stamp for a buy-back of 790 million shares or 12 per cent of British Petroleum Co. PLC (BP) announced earlier this month.

But approval was obtained only after a heated debate begun by some shareholders who complained about the way that Kuwait, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, had been able to build

up such a holding.

They wanted assurances it could not happen again.

BP and the British government were uneasy when the Kuwait Investment Office, the Gulf state's overseas investment arm, built up a 21.6 per cent stake in BP.

Pleased

It did so when BP stock was cheap after the government floated off its stake of 31.5 per cent in the company just at the time of the 1987 world markets crash.

KO said it viewed its holding as a long-term investment but BP feared it might sell to a predator or try to affect policy. And last year the government asked the KIO to cut its holding to 9.9 per

cent after a Monopolies Commission report said the stake could threaten national interests.

BP will pay the KIO £2.47 (\$4.23) a share, plus an advanced corporation tax payment of 58 pence a share, it was pointed out.

BP chairman Sir Peter Walters said today he was pleased with the outcome of the shareholders' meeting.

"Any shareholding over 16 per cent, let alone 20 — and particularly when the shareholder in question is a sovereign state and member of OPEC — is bound to affect people's perception of BP as an independent, international oil company," he told shareholders.

Walters did not feel BP needed to adopt mechanisms to ensure

no other shareholder could build such a big stake. He said the flotation and share crash were exceptional circumstances.

He also said the buy-back would free BP to pursue its overseas investment strategy in Asia and the United States "without political or commercial handicaps."

—Walters said the buy-back would initially raise BP's ratio of debt to total capital to about 50 per cent from 37 per cent but said the group intended to cut it to 35 per cent.

He later said on British Television that BP, which last month agreed to sell most of its vast mineral interests to British-based RTZ Corp. PLC, was considering more disposals.

Nuclear agreement proposed by Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (AP): Key members of Pakistan's government are proposing a swap that would send US-made nuclear reactors to their country in exchange for safeguards to assure that their nuclear programme is used only for peaceful purposes, says a senior member of Congress.

Rep Stephen Solarz, chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Asia Sub-committee, said such an agreement could head off a showdown between the two countries later this year on a cutoff of US aid to Pakistan over its failure to comply with nuclear non-proliferation requirements.

Assurances of previous Pakistani governments that the country was not developing an atomic bomb "were not worth the paper on which they were printed" but a new approach is being taken under Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Solarz said.

Intentions

It would represent the opening of a new era in relations between the two countries, which have been friendly but tainted by US mistrust over Pakistan's nuclear intentions.

He said that Iraq had immediately accepted the proposal.

A 350-strong force of observers in the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG), backed by 1,000 support staff, monitor the ceasefire along the 1,200-km

Lebanese rivals remain far apart

Arab League attempts to find common ground

TUNIS, Jan 31. (Reuter): Lebanon's rival governments looked far from resolving their four-month-old constitutional crisis today despite Arab League attempts to find common ground.

"I hope it will prove acceptable," Sheik Sabah told reporters. The six ministers would meet the Lebanese separately again this evening, he added.

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Aoun, together with rival Sunni Muslim Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss and Shiite chief Gen Mirza Aslam Baig, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and members of Rajiv's cabinet and Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and members of the Ershad's opposition during his tour.

Hoss' spokesman repeated the Muslim view that the priority was to find a presidential candidate with a constitutional reform and then reunite the divided Army so Syrian troops would no longer be needed.

Unconstitutional

Lebanon has had no head of state since outgoing President Amine Gemayel came to the end of his six-year mandate last September and appointed Aoun to head an interim government.

Muslim groups say the appointment was unconstitutional and that Hoss' government remains the only legitimate one.

The Arab ministers, from Kuwait, Sudan, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, met without the Lebanese today and drew up a document detailing the points on which the Lebanese agree.

These included calling presidential elections with guarantees of freedom and security, constitutional reform and the withdrawal of foreign forces, an Arab League official said.

The chairman of the Arab League committee, Kuwait's

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed later explained the document in turn to each of the three Lebanese politicians.

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Aoun told the news conference there was no problem between the Lebanese themselves and an agreement between them would be useless unless it brought in the Syrians.

Hoss denied however that Syria's withdrawal was a pre-condition for presidential elections and hinted that the ministers might deal with Syria in a secret annex to any agreement.

"We want normalisation of relations with our Syrian brothers but that requires some time. What we demand now is an atmosphere of freedom and guaranteed security so that elections can take place properly. We must be flexible," he said.

"Probably one section will not appear in the document. It's a section which the committee might plan to pursue quietly, away from the limelight, to ensure the smooth progress and success of its mission," he said.

Aoun's aides said later the Christian leader met Yasser Arafat today after the PLO chairman returned from a trip to Algiers.

US cultural centre opens in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Jan 31. (Reuter): The United States opened its first cultural centre in Baghdad today and an Iraqi official said he hoped it would help narrow the gap between the two nations.

A US embassy spokesman said Iraq planned to open its own cultural centre in Washington later.

Iraq and the US restored diplomatic ties in 1984 after a 17-year break. Relations cooled in 1986 when Washington's arms sales to Iran became public.

Jobs in abundance

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (AP): President George Bush predicted "jobs in abundance" in the United States and called for a new spirit of volunteerism in America.

Nearly 30 per cent increase between 1975 and 1980

Asian labour force in the Gulf growing

By Fathima Ahmed

THE South-East and the Far-East Asia have become the major labour exporters to the Gulf, overtaking Arab countries which dominated the labour market, according to a study made by Kuwait's Central Statistical Office (CSO).

The Asian labour force, which grew at the rate of less than five per cent in 1975, grew by nearly 30 per cent by 1980 and has been increasing steadily ever since. Over a 10-year period between

manpower resources in the region.

The presence of non-nationals involves unforeseen costs which may outweigh the potential benefits of industrial development," the study warned.

The study, made in 1987 and published recently, however, says that in absolute numbers the Arabs still outnumber the Asians in the labour market. The study on "Migration and Non-National Labour in GCC Countries: An Analysis of Trends, Patterns

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Gorbachev's salary revealed

MOSCOW, Jan 31, (Reuter): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev earns more than 1,500 roubles (\$2,500) a month and donated the \$600,000 he received from US sales of his latest book to the Communist Party.

But the figure, revealed apparently for the first time by Ogonyok magazine editor Vitaly Korotich, is only a fraction of the annual \$250,000 in salary and expenses earned by his super-power opposite-number, US President George Bush.

Gorbachev's pay is still generous in a country where the average monthly wage can be as low as 200 roubles (\$330).

Critical

"People ask: Gorbachev does not get much money so where does his wife get so many new dresses from. It's not a serious question because Mikhail Sergeyevich is not badly paid at all — he gets more than 1,500 roubles (a month)," Korotich said in an interview in the Moldavian youth newspaper, Molodoychi Moldavii.

"Why shouldn't he buy his wife a new dress?" Korotich asked in the interview in a recent edition of the newspaper that reached Moscow today.

Some Soviet citizens have been critical of the stylish Raissa Gorbachev's high public profile that stands in stark contrast to previous Kremlin wives.

Korotich also revealed that Gorbachev handed over the entire \$600,000 in royalties he received from sales in America of his best-selling book "Perestroika" to the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee.

He did not say where he obtained his information.

Gorbachev visit

LONDON, Jan 31, (Reuter): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is to visit Britain and West Germany this year, providing him with a major platform to ram home to Western Europe the changes underway in Moscow.

In London, the government announced Gorbachev and his wife Raissa would visit Britain from April 5-7, rescheduling a visit planned for December but postponed because of the Armenian earthquake.

Yugoslav Army warns of intervention in power struggle

BELGRADE, Jan 31, (Reuter): The Yugoslav Army has warned that it is ready to intervene in a political power struggle which has threatened to plunge the country into civil war.

Admiral Petar Simic, military member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo and the most senior political figure in the armed forces, told a party plenum yesterday the Army would not stand by as "irrational storms pushed Yugoslavia onto the rocks of catastrophe."

Earlier, party leader Stipe Suvak asked the meeting: "Are we threatened at the threshold of the 21st century by the possibility of a fratricidal war?"

The plenum, convened to deal with Yugoslavia's worst political and economic crisis since the communists came to power 44 years ago, showed no signs that deep differences among the party leadership could be bridged.

Disagreed

Many speakers used the phrase "battle for Yugoslavia" during the day but they disagreed on how, and against whom, it should be fought.

"If someone has declared a battle for Yugoslavia it will not be fought without the Yugoslav people's Army," Simic told the plenum, which is expected to go on for at least two days.

A spokeswoman for the government's office of civil defence said workers today recovered three more bodies of people killed when a landslide buried some 20 houses in the Samar village of Balocawee on Sunday.

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In Luzon's Bicol region, welfare officials said at least four people drowned in flooding that hit Sorsogon, capital of Sorsogon province, last night. At least 300 families had been evacuated.

The latest conflict centres on Suvak and the populist Serbian party leader Slobodan Milosevic, who is feared in some parts of the country as a potential强man.

Slovenian and Croatian leaders attacked Milosevic for encouraging street unrest, after mass protests toppled regional leaders opposed to the Serbian leader in Vojvodina province and the republic of Montenegro.

Bihar's dissidents defy orders and decide to boycott budget session**Rajiv faces party revolt in north India**

NEW DELHI, Jan 31, (Reuter): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, having lost southern India to the opposition, now faces a revolt within his Congress (I) Party in its last and electorally crucial bastion in the north.

Rajiv's opponents say the bitter infighting that erupted in Congress governments in the northern states of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar last week were sparked by the humiliating Congress loss in Tamil Nadu state elections earlier this month.

They are signs of the party's irredeemable loss of faith in Rajiv as a vote-catcher in the general elections, said A.P. Venkateswaran of the centre for policy research.

15 killed by floods in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines, Jan 31, (AP): At least 15 people have been killed and hundreds left homeless by floods and landslides triggered by a week of heavy rains in southern Luzon and the central island of Samar, officials reported today.

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Floods also were reported in six towns in the adjacent province of Albay, 200 miles (320 kilometres) southeast of Manila, but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

"There's extensive flooding in virtually all municipalities in northern Samar," said Lourdes Masing of the Philippine national Red Cross.

General elections are scheduled to be called by the end of the year, but Rajiv was widely expected to bring them forward if the Tamil Nadu verdict had been different.

"Now a humiliating loss there, has put the Congress out of power in all four southern states and weakened his hold on the party," said Venkateswaran.

Choice

The troubles in the north erupted immediately after the Tamil Nadu polls on Jan 21, with dissident Congress members of the Madhya Pradesh and Bihar state assemblies demanding that the party leadership agree to their choice of chief ministers.

Infighting

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INTERNATIONAL

Travis wins top music honours

LOS ANGELES, Jan 31. (AP): Randy Travis won country album and single honours at the 16th annual American Music Awards last night and Whitney Houston won the favourite female pop-rock and rhythm-and-blues vocalist categories.

Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine were surprise winners of the best pop-rock group trophy. Gladys Knight and the Pips took best rhythm and blues group, and Alabama won its seventh country group trophy.

Def Leppard swept the heavy metal category as favourite artiste and for the album 'Hysteria.'

The new rap category went to favourite artiste Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince and his album 'He's the DJ, I'm the Rapper.'

Tracy Chapman, who led Grammy nominations earlier this month with six, was the favourite new pop-rock artiste but was not present to claim the trophy.

Travis, nominated three times, won best country album for 'Kilway' and 'Forever' and the country single trophy for the single 'Told You So,' his own composition.

Guns N' Roses won best pop-rock single for 'Sweet Child O' Mine' and Freddie Jackson's 'Nice 'N' Slow' took the R&B single award. The favourite new R&B artiste was Al B. Sure, a native of Boston.

"I don't believe it. I went to thank the Almighty God for all his blessings," she said.

George Michael won best soul-rhythm and blues album for 'Faith,' which has had six hit singles, and the pop-rock album trophy went to the 'Dirty Dancing' soundtrack.

"I never expected to win this," said Miss Houston after the surprise victory of pulsating Latin sounds over the hard-driving rock basics of Def Leppard and Van Halen. "It's wonderful to be able to cross over to a whole new market and to have everyone from all walks of life like our music."

Unlike music awards decided by artistes and industry insiders, 20,000 ordinary music lovers were the arbiters for the 16th annual American Music Awards, handed out during a three-hour ABC-TV ceremony.

Guns N' Roses won best pop-rock single for 'Sweet Child O' Mine' and Freddie Jackson's 'Nice 'N' Slow' took the R&B single award.

Reba McEntire, who wasn't present, won favourite female country singer, and Patty Loveless was fourth new country artist.

"I don't believe this, but because I believe in God, I do believe this," Miss Knight said of her trophy for best soul-rhythm and blues group.

Alabama won over the mother-daughter duo the Judds and Perennial nominees the Oak Ridge Boys to win the country group trophy.

"To everybody in America, we love you, God bless you," said Alabama singer Randy Owen.

Randy Travis

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KFAS award winner meets with Amir

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (KUNA): HH the Amir received today Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamani who presented to His Highness Dr Abdullah Youssif Al Ghunaim on the occasion of winning the 1988 award from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, in the field of Arab and Islamic scientific heritage.

The issue was about geography and geology in the scientific heritage.

Rqobah meets Tunisian prime minister

TUNIS, Jan 31, (KUNA): Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Al Baccouche yesterday received visiting Kuwaiti Minister of Electricity and Water Hmoud Al Rqobah who conveyed to him the greetings of HH the Amir and the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah to President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali.

Rqobah told KUNA that Baccouche had hailed the co-operation existing between the two countries in all fields particularly in economic, touristic and technical.

Rqobah also met with Tunisian Minister of Agriculture Salah Eddin Ben Mubarak where they reviewed the two countries' experience in the field of water production and means of boosting co-operation between the two sides in this field through exchange of experience.

He also visited the National Centre for Energy Control and got acquainted with progress of work there. The national energy control centre provides Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco with electricity.

Iraq elections postponed until April 1

BAGHDAD, Jan 31, (AP): The government today decided to postpone elections for a new National Assembly until April 1, the state-run radio said.

The radio said the ruling Revolution Command Council and the leadership of the Baath Party decided to put off elections set for March 3 in order to "take all necessary steps to enlarge the base of democracy" in Iraq.

It said government leaders met with the council today to discuss ideas put forward for a new constitution.

President Saddam Hussein, who chaired the meeting, last year pledged that Iraq would introduce a new constitution that would guarantee basic human rights.

The current constitution was adopted in 1969, one year after the Baath Party returned to power in a bloodless coup.

Saddam said new political parties would be allowed to operate alongside the National Progressive and Patriotic Front, currently the only legal political grouping.

The front is led by the ruling Baath Party and also contains a handful of small Kurdish parties.

Elections to the 255-seat National Assembly founded in 1980 were set for last Aug 3, but were delayed after Iran accepted a ceasefire on July 18 in the eighth Gulf war.

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Medical facilities more than adequate, says Naqeeb

By Lima Al Khalafawi

IN proportion to the total population presently in Kuwait, medical facilities and doctors accredited to these clinics are more than adequate, according to Dr Na'il Al Naqeeb, the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Public Health.

He told Arab Times that in Kuwait there are about 60 clinics spread in various areas with three to four doctors and adequate supportive staff working at each clinic. Unfortunately, people do not appreciate these services, but, rather keep on complaining.

He said: "I believe the services are being abused as doctors see about 70 patients in six hours and sometimes this figure goes up to 120 patients a day."

Treatment

He added that it has been proved that patients go from one clinic to another seeking advice. The inexplicable factor is that people do not believe in free medical treatment. They feel that they get better treatment when they go and visit private doctors.

The official said: "I found people go to doctors where the treatment is below the standard provided by the Ministry of Public Health."

He added that although there is some deficiency in some general practitioners, this is due to pressure and a lack of reorientation in the latest medical findings.

This has been overcome through the family practitioner who is fully trained and within ten years this system of family doctors will cover all areas of Kuwait. The experience of family practitioners in two clinics

has proved successful and has increased the confidence of the doctors in the system, the official said.

Mistakes in the medical profession are common the world over and will continue to occur in the future. Kuwait is no exception. However, statistics indicate that the incidents of mal-practices are far lower in Kuwait compared to those in other countries, the official said.

Complaints

He added that in Kuwait, people tend to complain more often, although Kuwait's services are ranked to be the best in the world. What is needed is some kind of normalcy or restrictions — for example people should contribute to the costs of medical services. "If they pay more, better services will follow, if they pay less, services will be provided accordingly." He added that if health charges are introduced, only those patients who really need treatment will visit the clinics." He cited an example of people who went shopping and visited the clinic on their way back.

Policy

The official said that there is no government policy which discourages people from visiting clinics. If a patient has a complaint, they can refer their case to the officer in charge of the clinic.

If the patient is still not satisfied he can go to the Regional Health Director.

He reiterated that the ministry has not passed any instructions to doctors not to refer cases from clinics to hospitals. Any doctor who does not refer a case to the hospital when the need arises, will be penalised, the official said.

3,152 juveniles sentenced last year in Kuwait

1,087 KUWAITI juveniles and 2,065 non-Kuwaiti juveniles were sentenced for various misdemeanours during the past year, according to an official at the Ministry of the Interior.

Lieut. Rabea Al Mutairi speaking at a seminar organised by the Social Reform Society said that the increase in juvenile delinquency is a dangerous trend. Long hours spent by parents out of their houses due to work and other duties prevent them from providing their children with the needed guidance and personal attention. He also cited the weak Islamic spirit among these children. He added that foreign films and serials most of which depicted violence encouraged such juvenile crimes.

US motor firm and 8 ships on boycott list

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (KUNA): Kuwait's office of Arab Boycott of Israel has put on the blacklist an American motor firm and eight cargo vessels of various nationalities proved by official Arab sources to have been dealing with Israel.

According to an office release here, the ships will be banned from docking or refuelling at Kuwait's sea ports.

The ships were identified as: German Rachel Borchard, Thunar and Ymir, Turkish Barbaros, which was previously boycotted under the name Sin-

apore Star, Denmark's Norby, Greek Kritis, Maltese Warda and Liberian Negev On.

The American firm was identified as "AM General Corporation," a second name of the already boycotted American Motors General.

Kuwait's office of Arab Boycott also imposed a ban on display or distribution in Kuwait of "Leonard-part 6" a movie produced and distributed by the boycotted film-producing company Columbia Pictures, RCA.

Military academy exercises completed

CADETS at the Military Academy yesterday completed their final exercises at Adaire Al Khelash area.

Mechanised infantry battalions, a number of tanks, armoured carriers and military personnel participated in the exercises.

The exercises were attended by Staff Officer Col. Rashed Al Saif, and a number of senior officers.

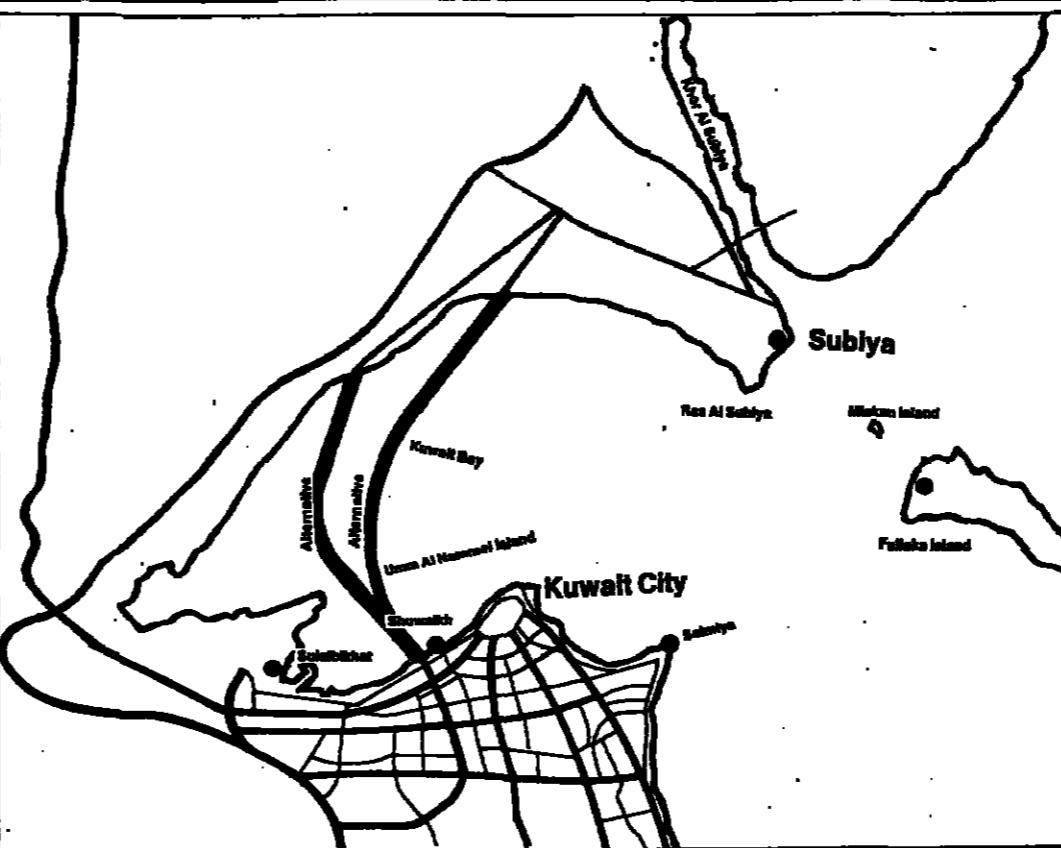
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Map shows Subiya and two alternatives for the proposed causeway.

Kuwait may build new university in Subiya

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (Agencies):

Kuwait may move its university to a new campus in the planned city of Subiya, site of a proposed urban development scheme on the edge of the former Iran-Iraq warfront, according to a high ranking government official.

Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Abd al Mohsen al Rifai told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the Kuwait University campus, previously planned as a suburb of the capital, might be built instead 30 km (19 miles) to the northeast at Subiya.

The cabinet recently approved plans to build a new city at Subiya and link it to Kuwait City by a causeway across Kuwait Bay. The entire project could cost billion dollars, diplomats say.

Rifai said he hoped the causeway would be completed by

1992. He said Subiya would include all the elements of modern city, including residential, commercial, industrial, recreational and military facilities.

Rifai stressed the importance of the visit of HH the Amir to the area. He said that HH the Amir inspected the proposed site for the city, the proposed site for Bubiyan Park, the site for the university and the causeway.

On the proposed park in Bubiyan, the official said that it will be constructed at the southern corner of the island opposite Failaka Island.

Bubiyan is next to Iraq's Faw Peninsula which Iran occupied for two years. Fighting in the eight-year conflict ended with a ceasefire last August.

HH the Amir has ordered the construction of chalets in Subiya area to be given to citizens. This

project is presently under study, the official said.

On new projects undertaken by Kuwait Municipality, Rifai said that the Municipality will shortly issue official maps for the new administrative division of Kuwait into five governorates. He said that the project is in its final stages and maps will be sold to the public.

A project to publish a modern guide of Kuwait containing coloured maps of all areas in the country including names of roads and streets and other important utilities like hotels, embassies, restaurants is under consideration.

An offer by a Kuwaiti company called "Kuwait Pearls" to construct cities on the Kuwaiti coast has been referred to the engineering and technical department for revision, the official said.

Kuwait and Egypt sign bilateral cultural co-operation agreement

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (KUNA):

Kuwait and Egypt today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance bilateral cooperation in culture and art.

The memo was signed on behalf of Kuwait by Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, and on behalf of Egypt by visiting Culture Minister Farouq Hosni.

The signing ceremony, at the cabinet's headquarters, was attended by Acting Secretary

General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr Farouq Al Omar, Director of Kuwait's Islamic Antiquities House Sheikha Hussen Sabah Al Salem, Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed Rifai and members of the delegation accompanying the visiting minister.

Speaking on the occasion Rashed commented Kuwait-Egyptian cultural ties which he said were historical and have been extended over many generations.

He pointed out that the fraternal bonds between Kuwait and Egypt were deeper and stronger than any formality and there was really no need for memos or agreements.

In this connection, Rashed referred to His Highness the Amir's remarks on receiving the visiting Egyptian Culture Minister that "our relations with Egypt are unlimited."

Rashed also cited the instructions by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah for further cooperation between Kuwait and Egypt.

3 million narcotic pills seized at one border post

KUWAIT'S customs officers seized three million narcotic pills in three months at one single border check post, according to Mohammed Al Rifai, the deputy director general of the General Customs Department for Control and Inspection Affairs.

The work of inspectors centres on devising plans and novel modes of operation to foil attempts

of smugglers attempting to bring in prohibited material into the country.

Recently, inspectors seized 131,000 narcotic pills cleverly hidden in a truck. The seizure was effected at the Abdali Road. Several government authorities co-operated with the department in this operation, the official said.

The exercises were attended by Staff Officer Col. Rashed Al Saif, and a number of senior officers.

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current cleaners. The ministry had to resort to its own cleaning workforce to bridge the gap.

He added that officials of the public services at the ministry inspected the relevant utilities to follow up and ensure that a high standard of cleanliness is being maintained.

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VIDEO CORNER

Private Benjamin goes to police academy

By Gail Seery

THE fact that *Feds* opens with the main character Elisabeth de Witt cruising in a bus instead of the usual fancy car with the loud stereo does not necessarily mean that this is a low budget movie. No, what runs short in *Feds* is original ideas. It turns into something of a cross between *Private Benjamin* and Police Academies 1, 2, 3 and 4. In fact this film doesn't even hide the fact that there is a projected sequel.

Despite this criticism, it is a very entertaining film, and if you are not looking for anything different, want to be able to unplug your brain and relax, and especially if you enjoy the

"poor recruits make good" fables, then you are likely to enjoy this film.

De Witt has come from the Marines, and desperately wants to join the FBI. She is told at the selection hearing that she is unlikely to stand much chance of graduating, despite her military background, as the academic standard of entry is high. Nevertheless, there is a compulsory quota of women who must be admitted to each course, and so she is grudgingly given a chance.

Sure enough she proves to be outstanding at the physical aspect of the training, but a complete wash out on the more

academic sections of the course. Her room-mate is Lisa Zuckerman, who holds post-graduate degrees in obscure subjects, and has no problem with the academic content of the course. On the other hand when the class stage an exercise in which she is supposed to handcuff a suspect, she is the one who ends on the floor with her hands pinioned behind her. They also each have to deal with the condescension of the male students, particularly an obnoxious recruit from an FBI family who dismisses Zuckerman as "the type of woman who swerves to avoid a cat and lets 12 cars pile into her." The real worry is that they are both

flunking. This is less worrying for De Witt as she is used to the experience — Zuckerman has never failed at anything in her life. However, for some reason best known to themselves, they each want to make the grade more than anything else in the world.

They decide to pool resources and set up a self help group. They arrest a few people and solve a few crimes along the way, and I'm sure you can guess whether or not they graduate.

One point about this film is that it is another in a series of films, like *Baby Boom*, which show women succeeding in a man's world, and therefore in a slightly less stereotyped way

than we are used to. It is unusual to find two women in the lead and no romance or depression anywhere to be found. On the other hand, it's a pity the film had to be so full of clichés.

There are also some novelties, such as seeing the two girls go out and get drunk the night before the final assessment test. I don't recall having seen the male-buddies-drinking-in-a-comradely-fashion routine transferred to females before.

The film makes many assumptions and value judgments, and take a very rose-tinted look at the FBI. It is mostly harmless however. Even so it is not a film I would care to watch twice.

By Brian Hollis

LEONARD NIMOY is best known as Mr Spock in *Star Trek* (banned in Kuwait), so it may come as a surprise that he has also directed several films including *Star Trek III* and *IV* and *Three Men and a Baby*.

His latest is *The Good Mother* starring Diane Keaton, but this film is a new departure in that the novel by Sue Miller is a powerful emotional tale of a mother's battle to keep custody of her daughter.

Attitude

The film turns out as a struggle between very conventional middle class American values, with slightly feminist overtones. After Keaton and lawyer husband split up, she is given custody of their daughter and tries to bring her up in a slightly more enlightened way, hoping she will become more natural, confident and unashamed of herself.

The new boyfriend appreciates this attitude and wanders around naked, lets the

Emotional tales

daughter sleep in their bed etc. When the lawyer ex-husband bears of this from the daughter, he files a suit for custody.

The whole film is based on small time people with narrow values and limited IQs, and I found the inability of Keaton's character to express herself clearly, quite frustrating. Many viewers may find this an absorbing study of the travails of motherhood but they probably will be American or female.

Just when it seemed that Schwarzenegger and James Belushi had stretched the "buddy film" to its furthest plausible limits with their offbeat Soviet-American cop pairing in *Red Heat*, an even more bizarre duo is formed by James Caan and Mandy Patinkin in *Alien Nation*.

During the 1990s a spaceship full of slave labourers has crashed in Los Angeles. Many have assumed responsible positions in society, but

there is a continuing mistrust between natives and the strange looking newcomers, which has forced them to band together in a ghetto known as Slagtown. Two of their number hold up a store and murder a policeman, so the murdered cop's partner sets out to avenge his friend. But he can only enter Slagtown by teaming up with the police department's hated 'token' slag detective.

Society

The film is obviously trying to say something about the present state of American society, using space aliens because to use one of the existing minority groups might be seen as racist.

However, any attempt at character exposition is lost in the subsequent car chases, drug deals and other action sequences characteristic of police shoot-'em-ups. As most viewers in Kuwait seem to prefer simple action to meditation about cultural differences, *Alien Nation* is bound to be a hit anyway.

Stormy Monday is a new Anglo-American production set in Newcastle, where a dubious businessman from Stateside (Tommy Lee Jones) is busy snapping up waterfront property for redevelopment.

The only local to resist Cosmo's pressure is nightclub owner Finney (Sting), who violently turns the tables on a pair of thugs who have arrived from London to persuade him to sign on the dotted line.

Corruption

Caught up in the spiral of corruption and mayhem are beautiful American expat Kate (Melanie Griffith), and newcomer Brendan, who works for Finney. Unfortunately these two do little to improve the film, which otherwise contains some memorable moments and real style. The film is punctuated with flashes of sly humour, droll Anglo-American prods and crafty visual touches.

A very British Coup is a best-seller originally released on British TV in three parts last summer. In the 1990s, follow-

James Caan and Mandy Patinkin in *Alien Nation*.

ing a reaction to right-wing Thatcherism, a left-wing government headed by Northerner Harry Perkins is voted into power, and sets about fulfilling his election promises with higher spending on welfare, pensions, and public works, and corresponding increases in taxes, dismantling of Britain's nuclear deterrent, etc.

Discredit

The establishment and Britain's establishment (The USA) go into a flap, and set about trying to discredit everything Harry or his government does.

The CIA moves in with telephone taps, telescope surveillance and seductive blonds, but Harry is not just a simpleminded Northerner as some will have it. He turns the tables on his own intelligence services, and gives all his opponents a run for their money.

The media, run by a handful of press barons are all against him, as he intends to pass a law allowing one man one paper. They, therefore, react with glee when they get wind of a possible sex scandal involving Harry.

Viewers may remember Ray Macanthal who plays the prime

minister, as the father in John le Carré's *A Perfect Spy*. His face alone conveys that combination of seediness and slyness which would be sure to irritate any Maggie's fans.

Much of the humour is anti-establishment and anti-American, and some may not be understandable to non-Brits as when an American thinks he has been invited to a football match at Sheffield Tuesday, but although Maggie may not be an understood British viewer will be.

For British comedy fans there are continuations of the top two series — *Bread*, unintelligible to all those who dwell South of the Watford Gap, and *Allo Allo*, now with added spice after René's real proclivities were revealed in the Sunday tabloids. *Del Boy* is also back in a new series of *Only Fools and Horses* which starts with a full length hilarious episode about Strip programmes.

The first of this year's Rugby Internationals are also now available.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Nauf, Tele. 2432809; and Video Club, Tele. 5724372.

Topics to be discussed include Bayanihan; masquerade ball; Palarong Pilipino; Kapilku Night and other projects.

Kapilku has launched a membership drive. Filipinos can obtain application forms from the Philippine embassy and Holiday Inn's bowling alley and Filipino restaurants in Kuwait.

Daniella

FEB 3: Daniella celebrates "Fastival" at Gazelle Club from 1 pm. For reservations call Karen-Marie — 3715146; Inglis — 3713670.

German-Speaking Ladies Association

FEB 5: 10 am. The regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome.

Kuwait Rondels

FEB 16: the Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are now available. Tel: 5337597.

Kuwait Welsh Society

MARCH 1 (Wednesday): St. David's Day buffet-dance will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 8 pm. Tickets — KD6. For reservations phone 371-3467.

Jumbo Circus

The Indian Jumbo Circus, Mishrif Grounds, has been extended by popular demand. Show times are 5 pm and 8 pm.

Kuwait Caledonians

FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glenny. Tel: 5335082; 5332235; 3727691 ext. 253.

KAPILKU

FEB 3: 7pm: Kapilku will hold an officers meeting at the Holiday Inn auditorium. The programme is as follows:

GARDENIA: 7 am to mid-night; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Dar-

bar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; à la carte dinner. At the SAS

AI Bustan Friday brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish Duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese

meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sautéed diced chicken with cashew nut and sweet Chinese style.

AI Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At the Sheraton

RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Senna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

AI Hamra: Sundays:

Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is

Thai Night; Wednesdays:

seafood night; musicians

provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Friday's buffet brunch while

the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner, specialities in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarboche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner.

Thursdays: Arab world

specialities night. Coffee Shop

offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

At the Movienic

CURRY PROMOTION: (Feb. 3 to 23): The restaurant will promote curries including mulligatawny soup; shrimp in curried sauce; murgi masala; hamour fillet in green mango curry; lamb and potato curry and Indian vegetable curry.

At the Tivim Centre

MAR. 4/5: The Tivim Centre will hold its second annual one-day seven-a-side football festival at Al Sour Grounds. This will be followed by their second inter-village nine-a-side football tournament, beginning April 8. For details contact organisers.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**KTV 1****MORNING**

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite

10.00 Abna'a Al Diyah: Arabic serial; part 5.
Starring: Jamil Juliet Awadh, Rubi Al Safdi, Iman Kamel.

10.50 News Summary/God Morning

11.00 Al Zaleel: local Arabic serial; starring Mohammad Ali Manea, Ayesha Ibrahim

12.00 Magic Show
1.00 News Summary

1.05 Holy Quran: Close-down

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Cartoon serial
5.15 Layla Min Alif Layla: Thousand and One Nights.

5.30 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial; starring Fakhry Al Akidi, Fawzia Mahdi,

Nizar Al Samaraie.
6.15 With Students

7.00 News Summary

7.30 Askana: Citizens and Housing. Local programme

8.00 The Advancement of Science

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in Arabic

9.30 Al Jawad: Arabic serial; starring Safa Abu Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsina Tawfiq.

11.30 Aghnia Fi Al Tamaniyat: variety show. Tonight's guests are Rabih Saqr and music director Mohammad Shafiq.

12.30 News Summary

12.35 World News via Satellite

12.40 The Cosby Show: Dr Huxtable challenges a colleague. Comedy

10.10 Wednesday's feature film: "The Diamond Trap". A private eye and a young girl get involved in murder and diamond smuggling. Based on a novel by John Minahan. Starring Brooke Shields, Ed Marinaro and Twiggy.

12.00 News Summary followed by Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES**BBC World Services**

0000 Newsdesk

0100 Omnibus

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook

25 Financial News

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0200 World News

09 British Press Review

15 Health Matters

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0300 World News

09 News About Britain

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEFORE buying anything, it is well to ask whether one could not do without it. —John Lubbock, English astronomer-mathematician (1803-1865).

Bush running into criticism

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President Bush may be pleased with his first week in the White House but hawkish commentators are already putting pressure on him to drop his "soothing goodness" and get on with tackling the country's problems.

Under the headline "No more Mr Nice Guy — please," conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer complained the atmosphere of good feeling present at the start of the Bush administration was bad news for the country.

George Will, another conservative columnist and long one of Bush's most acerbic critics, said the president's "handsome attitudes" towards clean government raised a question: Beyond "serving," is there something else he wants to do?

At his first White House press conference on Friday, Bush said he was "ready to roll" with positive leadership and was keenly aware of the pitfalls of controversy.

"There'll be plenty of time for controversy and plenty of time for lively debate on substance," he said. "That's follow and hold pretty soon."

He said he planned to move forward as quickly as possible on priority items such as reducing the US budget deficit, further improving US-Soviet relations and dealing with the drug problem.

The American people "understand that in things like the foreign policy area, it's prudent to have a review," he said, referring to the extensive analysis of US strategic policy that has been

Bush's decision also has important implications for US strategic arms talks with the Soviet Union.

Brent Scowcroft, his national security adviser, is known to feel a 50 per cent cut in strategic missiles — the goal of those talks — is advisable for the United States only if it can be sure that its remaining strategic arms cannot be easily targeted.

"That is just the kind of thing we need when things are humming along nicely, when

Power is main issue in foreign policy

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON, (AP): A new age of harmony in US foreign policy is going to be elusive and fragile, even with the Republican White House and the Senate's top Democrat working to create it.

It will take more than the efforts of both parties because the most divisive and intractable policy disputes of recent years were not partisan in the first place.

They hinged instead on the powers of Congress and the executive branch to make or risk war in a time of limited conflicts, surgical strikes, terrorism and, most recently, naval escort missions for refugees from Kuwait ships in the Gulf.

George Mitchell, the leader of the Democratic Party majority in the Senate, said defence is a responsibility shared by the President and Congress "but in recent years it sometimes seemed as if we were opposing each other rather than exercising shared powers. That need not be."

His words meshed with President George Bush's call at his inaugural ceremony for a new era of co-operation and unity.

Challenge

The challenge is to define the shared powers so as to satisfy Congress without intruding on authority presidents always have reserved as their own.

Mitchell said bipartisanship "cannot be made real by words alone, or by good intentions."

"It requires deeds to match words, action to carry out intention ... shared responsibility."

The new majority leader asked Bush to make Congress "a partner in policy formulation," acknowledging that even that won't prevent differences between the two branches of government.

"But in the great eras of American leadership, the differences have been less important than the agreements," Mitchell said.

A generation ago, a Democratic administration and an overwhelmingly Democratic Congress clashed in the dispute that gave rise to the rest: the undeclared war in Vietnam.

Defence against chemical attack

Wearing the protective gear is not easy

By Peter Grier

FORT RILEY, Kan.: As I tap these words on my portable computer I am wearing a full set of United States Army chemical defence gear: gas mask, oversuit, boots, and gloves. I've had this stuff on for an hour. It's driving me nuts.

The squishy gloves make me feel as if I'm typing with my hands in galoshes. The mask resembles a rubber bag tied around my head. I'm in a chilly office, but I'm sweating like a man sealed in a Hefty bag. How can troops stand this?

"Think of the alternative," a soldier says. "Think of dying."

I've come to the home base of a typical Army division to get a feel for what chemical defence at ground level is like. I've also managed to provide wholesome entertainment for nearby troops, who rarely see civilians lurking about in ill-fitting military clothing.

Cumbersome

Simply putting the gear on was not easy. Army norms call for soldiers to don all protective equipment in 8 minutes; it took me longer than that just to figure out which item I'd been handed.

Putting on the oversuit itself was like putting on a ski outfit made of oilcloth. Pants and tunic snap together and close with drawstrings; a charcoal-impregnated liner keeps poisons from seeping through.

Putting on the boot coverings was more cumbersome. Basically, they are flat rubber envelopes whose edges are wrapped up around the foot with strapping. Lacing up was a complex

task involving loops and numerous half-hitches; the final result, with its turned-up toe, looks curiously elfin. Full-on models are now being delivered to some units.

Gloves are in two parts: a cotton liner, to absorb sweat, and a rubber covering. In my case the gloves' overlong fingers hung limply, like circus clowns'.

With my gas mask at my side (troops don't put theirs on until ordered to the highest state of readiness), I stumbled toward a brigade chemical defence field exercise. Suits are sized only by length, meaning tall skinny fellows like me wear extra-large sizes that could handle a linebacker.

"You look pregnant," said a chemical defence officer upon my arrival.

First stop was a mock decontamination station.

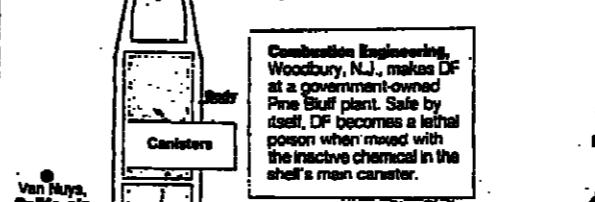
This was a clearing divided by white tape into a series of rectangles, and filled with trash cans. The rectangles represented steps soldiers would go through to cleanse themselves after a chemical attack, such as wading through a trench filled with bleach to clean boots and scrubbing down masks and rifles.

The trash cans would be for items beyond cleansing. As I walked through the site, one of the chemical detectors soldiers were practising with went off. It made an eerie, air-raid-siren sound.

Some of the detectors that were standard issue in the '70s were so complicated that "you practically had to be a chemist to operate them," says Sgt 1st Class Gary Triplett, a brigade chemical specialist. He says the

The US's new-generation chemical weapons: who produces what

A new 155-mm chemical artillery shell went into production in 1987. Along with the US Army, three private companies are involved in production.



Combustion Engineering, Woodbury, N.J., makes 50% of a government-owned Pine Bluff plant. Safe by itself, OF becomes a lethal poison when mixed with the inactive chemical in the shell's main canister.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Morton Thiokol makes the shell's main canister at an Army ammunition plant in Shreveport, La. The canister is filled with an inactive chemical component of nerve gas and loaded into a shell casing for storage.

Source: US Army

Bigeye bomb

Under separate Army and Navy contracts, two private companies are producing test models of the Bigeye chemical bomb.

Manufactor Company is under Navy contract to make metal parts for Bigeye at its facilities.

Combustion Engineering is under Army contract to operate a government-owned plant at Pine Bluff Arsenal which produces and loads the agent OF for the Bigeye.

Newer Geiger-counter-like models are much easier to operate.

By this fancy equipment is carried only by special chemical

and reconnaissance units. Average soldiers use detection paper, which must be very close to the chemical agent to detect it. Near the mock decontamination

site was a detection practice area, a sort of forest lane dotted with spots of simulated contamination. It was roped off by yellow tape wrapped around trees and a large yellow sign yelling "GAS — Blister." Inside were three soldiers in full gear, conferred. Their gas masks and quizzical head tilts made them look like kind, confused insects.

They were reading detector paper instructions out loud. "Loud," in this case, was a relative term. The muffling effect of the masks made them sound as if they were yelling up from the bottom of a well.

"You have to talk slow," Sergeant Triplett said.

There was a popping sound and a puff of smoke as the group cracked a capsule that makes heat by mixing two chemicals. Below a certain temperature, detection paper must be warmed to work. Having apparently confirmed the presence of poison, the three rushed off to provide more warning signs. They left behind a piece of paper stained dark red.

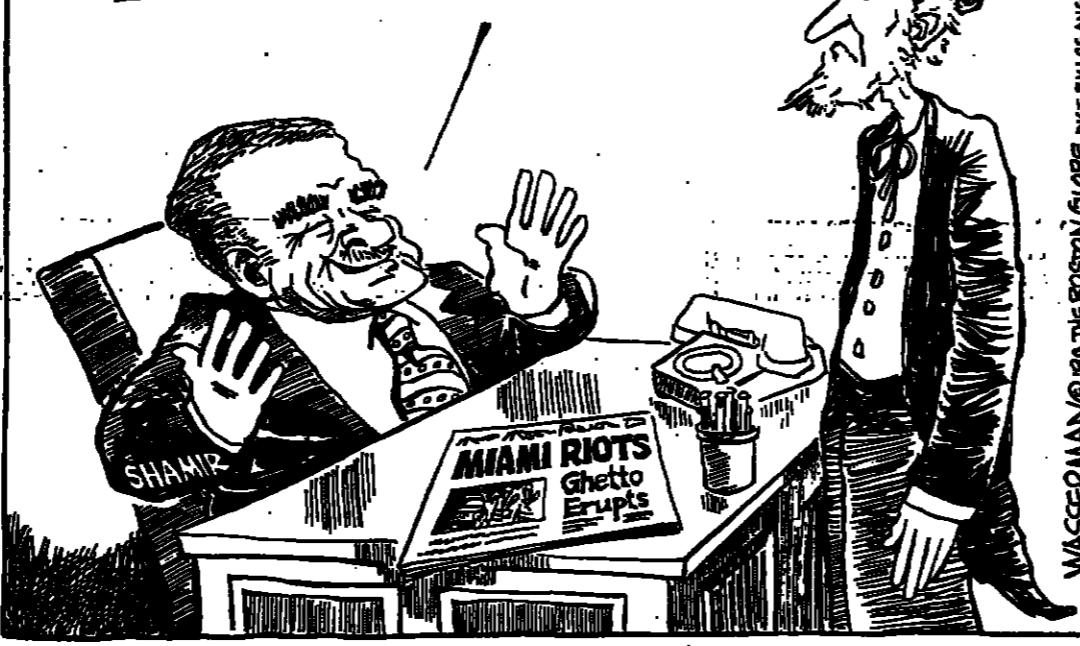
Defensive

Finally, it was time to go to full defensive posture and don the mask. It's supposed to take 6 seconds to pull the mask out of its pouch, snap it over your face, and check that it's tight. You get 9 more seconds to pull an attached hood over your neck.

To get mine on took maybe a minute — and three people. The hood just wouldn't go down over my head. After getting it on, my first reaction was that it was nice to get the Kansas wind out of my face. The second was that I couldn't see. A large rubber plug nose was cutting off most of my

The Christian Science Monitor

SO, SAM... TELL ME... HOW ARE THINGS IN YOUR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES?



Fundamentalist-PLO power struggle

By Karin Laub

BETHLEHEM, occupied West Bank, (AP): This Christian enclave in the Israeli occupied lands is the focus of an often violent campaign by Muslim fundamentalists to challenge PLO leadership of the Palestinian uprising.

Fundamentalists in black ski masks have torched shops of Bethlehem merchants refusing to follow their strike orders and battled followers of the Palestine Liberation Organisation with stones and clubs in an attempt to assert control.

"Since we believe that the uprising is God-made, we think the fundamentalists have the right to lead it," said Samer, 25, a Bethlehem barber active in "Hamas" or "zeal," a fundamentalist group that opposes PLO moves to seek a compromise with Israel.

Frictions between the rivals has cropped up often in the 13-month uprising but increased last month after PLO leader Yasir Arafat launched his diplomatic initiative by recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism.

Such concessions are anathema to the fundamentalists, who want a "holy war" against Israel and demand an Islamic state throughout all of former Palestine, including Israeli territory.

Force

"What was taken by force must be returned by force," said Samer. "Palestine must be an Islamic state."

In the Bethlehem area, the beleaguered Christian Arab population is putting up strong resistance to the fundamentalist movement mainly because they fear Islamic domination.

Christian Palestinians are traditionally aligned with the PLO because it advocates a secular, democratic Palestine.

About 30,000 Christians live in Bethlehem and the adjacent towns of Beit Jalla and Beit Sahour, but their influence is being overcome by the fast-growing Muslim community. About 23,000 Muslims live in the

Bethlehem: focus of violent campaign

three towns, and 40,000 others occupy nearby refugee camps and villages.

The Christians feel their rights are being trampled on by the fundamentalists," said Kamal, a 22-year-old Bethlehem grocery clerk active in the Arafat's Fatah faction of the PLO. Like others interviewed, Kamal refused to give his last name for fear of retribution by Israeli soldiers or rival Palestinians.

Breaking the PLO's grip in Bethlehem would be a major victory for the fundamentalists who have a strong following in the Gaza Strip and have made inroads elsewhere in the West Bank.

PLO-backed leaders still have the strongest role in the uprising, and Palestinian journalist Daoud Kattab said that in other places in the West Bank the PLO has chosen not to battle Hamas for fear of splitting the revolt.

Israeli troops patrol Bethlehem and surrounding towns, but are concerned more with halting anti-Israeli protests than with divisions between Palestinian factions.

Three months ago, Hamas enforcers battled with PLO leftists who encouraged merchants to defy a Hamas-led strike.

"When the merchants saw they had support from that side, they started calling Hamas names," said Samer, the barber. "Our people and the communists started throwing stones at each other."

Another time, a clash erupted between the two sides in Manger Square, near where the Bible

says Jesus was born and the city's tourist centre.

Hamas stepped up retaliatory attacks after Bethlehem merchants stayed open during a Hamas-called strike Dec. 31. Later that day, masked Hamas enforcers torched a shoe store and parked bus and tried to set fire to a toy shop.

The violence and threats have had results. During a Hamas strike last Sunday, Bethlehem merchants for the first time kept shops shut without enforcers intervening, although their colleagues in Beit Jalla and Beit Sahour refused to go along with the strike.

Market

With a shrinking home market, pressure to export prompted some big companies to skirt the tight export regulations banning sales to countries at war or even to regions where conflict is likely.

Two businessmen are on trial for illegal gunpowder exports. Four executives of Bofors AB, the country's biggest arms producer, face prosecution for selling weaponry to Iran and other Gulf states.

And the list doesn't end there. Singapore, Britain and Yugoslavia have been named as countries reselling Swedish-made weapons or munitions to circumvent Swedish regulations, although no charges have been brought in these cases.

Bofors also was accused of bribing Indian officials to win a contract, despite agreement between Prime Minister Olof Palme and his Indian counterpart, Rajiv Gandhi, there would be no payoffs or commissions. Bofors claims no wrongdoing, maintaining it paid off agents who had worked on the deal before Palme put a stop to it.

Security

Geographically squeezed between NATO and the Warsaw Pact in Northern Europe, Sweden built its security policy on a strong defence and an independent arms industry to avoid entanglements with either alliance. Its neutrality has kept it out of fighting since the Napoleonic wars.

The country's military chief,

supreme commander Bengt Gustafsson, has warned that defence policy "may have to be redefined" unless the military gets more money.

While its neighbours strengthened their armies, Sweden

demonstrations sweep Ireland.

1946 — Trygve Lie, Norwegian socialist, is elected United Nations secretary-general; Hungarian republic is proclaimed.

1956 — South Africa requests Soviet Union to withdraw all consulates.

1959 — Swiss referendum rejects female suffrage in federal elections.

1972 — British embassy in Dublin is bombed as anti-British

demonstrations sweep Ireland.

1986 — Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos says his

military uncovered plot to assassinate him.

1988 — Mortar bomb rigged with timing device explodes in crowded produce market in Peshawar, Pakistan, killing 5 people and wounding 23.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1587 — England's Queen Elizabeth I signs warrant for execution of Mary Queen of Scots.

1702 — Prince Eugene of Savoy raids Cremona, Italy.

1775 — Peasants in Bohemia revolt against servitude.

1881 — First signs of nationalist movement appear in Egypt as military officers stage uprising.

1896 — Crete, inspired by Greece, begins revolution against Turkey.

1899 — US flag is raised over Pacific island of Guam, formerly under Spanish control.

1908 — Portugal's King Carlos I and crown prince are murdered in Lisbon, and Manuel II becomes king.

1924 — Britain recognizes communist government of Soviet Union.

1935 — Anglo-German conference is held in London to discuss Germany's rearmament; Italy sends troops to East Africa.

1946 — Trygve Lie, Norwegian socialist, is elected United Nations secretary-general;

OUTLOOK

By Kathy Cuddihy

AFTER a number of years of pure, unadulterated materialism, I seem to be entering a new phase of my existence. I'm not quite sure how to describe the change. It is not as... materialistic... as materialism, but nor is it as noble and ethereal as spiritualism. Perhaps I could call it "unclutterism" or "uncumberism", because that in essence is what this is all about. On my journey through life I've accumulated an awful lot of excess baggage. Apparently the time has come to offload, to divest myself of more than a few uninteresting interests.

The logical place to initiate my campaign was the kitchen "junk" drawer. Not everyone has a similar hideaway for all those where-on-earth-does-this-belong objects. It's satisfying to have a designated location to shove them "temporarily", but it's even more satisfying to weed out most of the objects.

To my pleasant surprise, I enjoyed an immense sense of release as broken pencil stubs, varying lengths of string, bent nails, lockless keys, forgotten dry-cleaning receipts, monogrammed but empty matchbooks, and other such paraphernalia disappeared into the

A material purge

garbage. As I admired the drawer's new pristine tidiness, I vowed that nothing would happen to change this condition. From now on we would all live tidier lives. This may have been the only official junk drawer in the house, but there were lots of unofficial ones around, and I would unearth and upend them all. Yes,

"unclutterism" felt great. I continued my purge into other parts of the house.

With rabid enthusiasm I cleaned out miscellaneous cupboards and shelves, showing no mercy or signs of relent. Some of these out-of-sight-out-of-mind places hadn't been disturbed in years. Gleefully I fed the garbage a generous diet of outdated papers, TV guides, renewal forms, greeting cards, instruction manuals for equipment we no longer owned, not to mention newspapers and journals whose pages had yellowed with age.

Of course, not everything was disposed of with such a lack of emotion. I considered very seriously whether or not to give away my husband's "How To Improve Your Memory" course, but then allowed my realistic side to overrule. After all, the man had forgotten about the

course five minutes after he had spent a small fortune investing in it; he wouldn't miss it now.

Similarly, the series of self-improvement tapes that we had inherited from a departing expat gave me pause. Should I save them? They might come in handy some day. Finally I decided against it. "Unclutterism" would cure us of our character flaws. Once we got rid of our material burdens, our mental ones would quickly evaporate.

So far I had attacked relatively neutral zones in the house. Now I moved into the private domains of bedrooms and bathrooms. Because my husband and children did not feel quite as strongly about being uncluttered as I did, I thought it best to tackle this territory while everyone was at work or school.

A feeling of wild liberation surged through me as I ruthlessly made piles of give-aways and throw-aways. With hard-earned wisdom, I cleverly left the kids' rooms messy so they wouldn't know I had ransacked them. By the same token, I left my husband's part of the bedroom impeccably clean. There was no sense in upsetting the man over the slight depletion of his

wardrobe and other personal effects.

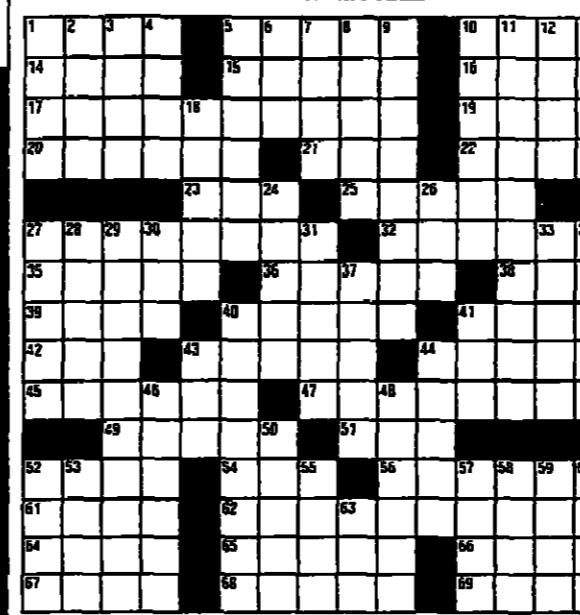
Finally I came to my own worldly possessions, in actuality the main objective of the day's purge. With systematic efficiency, I wistfully discarded all the stylish belts which were now too small for my unstylish waist. The windfall would delight my daughter, to whom I also bequeathed some designer trousers and skirts. Alas, the designer never had my body in mind when he created those chic little items.

By the time I got around to shoes, the pace had slackened noticeably. Admittedly, I had more shoes than one person could possibly ever wear, but now that I had them, I reasoned, and because they were in such excellent condition, wouldn't it be better to hang on to them?

Unfortunately, once this rationale took hold, it became increasingly difficult to dispel it. What's more, as I carefully sifted through my various bits of trivia and treasures, I got caught in the grip of nostalgia. How could I possibly part with all these wonderful memories?

Perhaps I should look at unclutterism with a different viewpoint: instead of getting rid of my past, I would promise myself not to collect any more clutter in the future... or at least only minimal amounts....

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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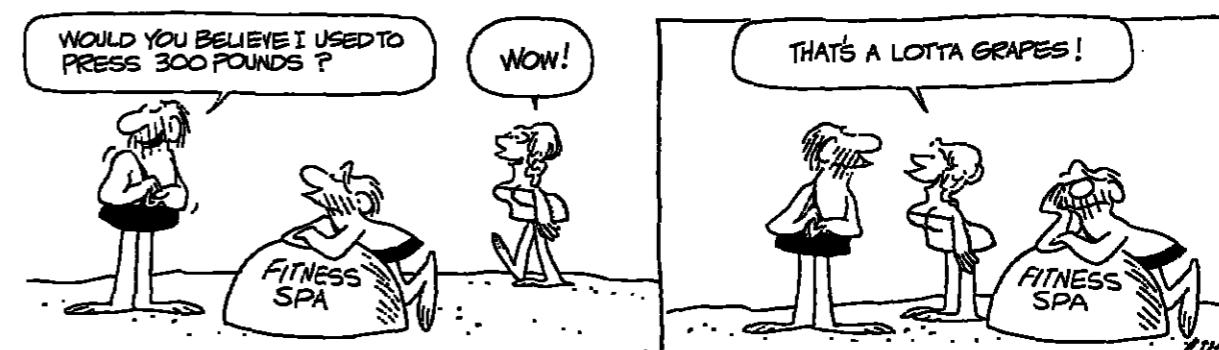
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THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Today you will be better able to face up to the facts. You will know better than fate how to cope with the situation. Some changes you have introduced recently will now prove effective. Be sincere.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not neglect some small cold or other infection. You should try to be just a little more realistic. You will be able to learn the lesson of experience. Be fair.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should not underestimate the difficulties, but there is no reason to exaggerate either. You should not try to do anything that would restrict your freedom of action. Look on the bright side of the situation. Be resourceful.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

The prospects in general are better but there is still every need for care. You should try to look on the bright and positive side. Do your utmost not to get on other people's nerves. Be persistent.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should try to spend a little time on your own thinking about the situation. You should make a few more allowances for others. Do not become too annoyed with yourself. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Others will be better disposed towards you than they have been of late. A problem which you had thought was easy will not be solvable right away, but you should not allow it to get you down. You should do your utmost to keep your wits about you. Be more tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be better able to face up to the real situation you are in. You should do your best to avoid spending more than you can easily afford. Try to rid yourself of some resentments and jealousies. Make sure you do not put your health at risk. Be prompt.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will find it easier to overcome an obstacle than you had at first feared. Do your best to rid yourself of some resentments and jealousies. Make sure you do not put your health at risk. Be persistent.



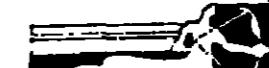
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Today will be a rather tiring and also quite satisfying day. You will be able to stop doing something you would have regretted before it is too late. Listen more closely to what others are saying. Be patient.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

A question that you have been neglecting will have to be dealt with without further delay. You should however avoid doing anything on the spur of the moment. Make sure you read again what you have written before you send it. Be patient.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The Moon's better influence will help you to face up to the situation you are in. You will be able to play your proper part in a joint venture. You should not have too many late nights or drink to excess. Be realistic.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will be a little disappointed by what you find when you get to your destination. You should make sure you do not lose faith in yourself or your abilities. Do not think that love grows without care and attention. Be lenient.

Rotary club lifts ban on women members

By Q. Cowdry

WOMEN are to be allowed to become Rotarians. Rotary International decided last week to change its constitution and end the men-only rule for its 23,900 clubs around the world from July 1.

The change led to predictions of a bitter split among Britain's 61,000 Rotarians. It is binding on the 1,560 British clubs, the first of which was

formed in 1911, but they will retain their traditional right to select members—male or female—as they wish.

Mike Gillan, deputy secretary of Rotary International's British and Irish section, predicted a "mixed reaction" among British Rotarians but firmly ruled out the chance of any rebellion.

He thought British clubs would fight a much stronger rearguard action than their counterparts in other developed countries.

plainly, some Rotarians are going to object after being only in the company of men at their meetings for all these years.

"But individual clubs will still retain their autonomy in choosing members and women will not be able to press for arbitration in disputed cases."

Other leading Rotarians were more outspoken in their forecasts, predicting rows in clubs.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

FIND THE LOSING TRICK!

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:

South West North East

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3 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass

4 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass

5 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

6 ♦ Pass 6 ♦ Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

As the years go by, we like to dwell increasingly on some of our favorite moments of bygone days.

This hand, from a rubber bridge game at the Golden Gate Bridge Club in San Francisco some 20 years ago, still brings a smile. Your job is to decide which trick declarer lost while fulfilling his slam, and when he lost it.

We really can't fault the bidding.

We were taught at our mother's knee not to put a solid eight-card suit down in dummy—with that type of hand, we declare. In this instance, six hearts might be a better

contract but, as the cards lie, a club lead would have proved fatal.

Move to the top of the class if you decided that declarer lost a club trick, and that he lost it at the very first trick! The declarer was Bob Bruno, now living in New York City. He saw that there was no legitimate way to make his contract, since the opening lead was about to remove his only entry while the heart suit was blocked. So he made the beautiful deceptive play of allowing the king of clubs to win the first trick.

When East signalled encouragingly with a high club at trick one, West, who did not have the foggiest idea about what was going on, innocently led another club. Our dummy's ace of clubs declarer jettisoned his ace of hearts. Next came the king-queen of hearts, on which declarer discarded his two spade losers. Now, it was a simple matter to draw trumps and claim the rest of the tricks.



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Sixty-seven operations and only nine years old

By Jo Mears

BRAVE Kirsty Lawson has undergone an incredible 67 operations. She spent the first two years of her life in hospital because she was born with her heart on the wrong side, a hole in the gullet, a deformed right lung and a malformed ear and one ear missing.

To top all that, at three years old her spine began to curve, and at eight she had to undergo a life-saving operation to correct a bowel problem.

But despite years of pain, nine-year-old Kirsty stays bright and bubbly and manages to continue an active life riding, dancing and cycling. And as a tribute to her bravery she was recently awarded The Girl Guides Star of Merit, The Barnardo's Award for Triumph over Adversity, and TV's Children of Courage award.

Kirsty, from The Isle of Sheppey, Kent, in the UK, says: "It was great to receive so many awards, but really all this is normal for me. I'm used to going in and out of hospital — I've never known anything else."

And the head teacher of her school at Gad's Hill Place, Higham, Kent, Betty Newcomb, adds: "Kirsty is never grumpy or miserable and has the courage of a lion. When she returns to school after her operations, her first reaction is always to set about catching up on the work she has missed. She really has remarkable qualities."

Problems

For the Lawson family — mum Brenda, 50, dad Douglas, 50, and sister Sara, 20 — Kirsty's latest operation on the bowel was the most traumatic.

Brenda recalls: "We were told it was really quite a serious and tricky operation and were warned we might lose her. It was the first time we really had to face the fact she might die."

"But even every anaesthetic is an unknown quantity. The thing

I hate doing most in the world is signing the consent forms."

But Brave Kirsty made it through the difficult operation and is battling back to fitness, just as she has done so many times before.

Kirsty's problems began shortly after birth. Brenda recalls: "I had two tests and scan before Kirsty was born but none of them revealed anything was wrong."

"But after she was born a doctor soon discovered that the top part of her gullet was blocked,

some of it was missing and her windpipe had two holes in it. She was whisked off to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, straightaway. I didn't even see her until she was three-and-a-half weeks old."

Endure

"The first thing they did for Kirsty was give her a gastrostomy — a tube was inserted into her stomach to feed her. Then they sorted out her throat — they tried to close the gaps but it kept on pulling apart again so they had to do it four times in the end."

"Every time we returned to hospital they seemed to find something else wrong with her. Her heart was on the wrong side, but although it had a few kinks in unusual places, the blood was circulating properly."

"Her right lung wasn't formed properly and was linked to the windpipe and full of fluid, so it had to be removed. She also had two thumbs on one hand so one had to be amputated."

"But the holes in the throat were the major problem, because if they weren't corrected she couldn't eat properly."

At 22-months old little Kirsty came home for good. Brenda says: "It was great to get her home at last. Up until then all she had known was hospital life. I was only able to visit her twice a week because parents weren't allowed to live in the hospital."

Kirsty's gullet problems continued until she was eight when she had her last operation.

Brenda adds: "It is only really since then that she has been able

to eat what she likes. Before she found it very difficult to eat heavy food like meat. But now she just loves tucking into toast, which she wasn't able to do before."

Kirsty's other childhood operations include two delicate ear operations — she was born with no right ear and her left one had no opening. An opening was made in the left ear and an ear-drum formed and she is now able to hear with the help of a hearing aid.

Brenda says: "At five years old Kirsty only had a vocabulary of 10 words, but thanks to a speech therapist, her speech improved considerably."

Endure

At four years old Kirsty also had to endure wearing an uncomfortable brace because a curve was beginning to develop in her spine.

Brenda recalls: "But by the time she was six the curve had got so bad she needed a spinal operation. They took some slices out of her backbone to make it more flexible. It straightened her back for a while but she had to have the operation repeated again when she was eight."

Then just as Kirsty was recovering from this long catalogue of operations, disaster struck again just before Christmas 1987. Kirsty started haemorrhaging and had to be rushed to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Brenda says: "It took the doctors a week to find out what was wrong with her. Finally they discovered she had a very rare disorder of which there were only 87 known cases worldwide. She had a group of malformed blood vessels which were growing internally and some of the bowel had to be removed."

"The operation was a great success and the doctors were very pleased with the results."

Since operation number 67 Kirsty has been doing well. But over the past eighteen months she has missed a total of 12 months



Kirsty Lawson recovers in hospital after her latest operation.

off school.

Brenda adds: "She really hates missing school and can't wait to get back to see her friends. Being ill all the time can be a lonely experience. But she has a

naturally bubbly and cheerful personality so she's soon back on top form."

And her head teacher, Betty Newcomb, will second that. She says: "Kirsty has such courage.

She always makes light of her problems at school. She comes back after her operations as if nothing has happened. She hates fuss and just wants to be treated like everyone else."

Painting with his mouth and feet

By Klima Heathcote

ARTIST Tom Vendell has just held his first exhibition, and there is a secret about why most of his pictures are in watercolours and only a few in charcoal. Tom doesn't like the taste of charcoal.

As he usually paints with his mouth — he has no arms — he prefers the flavour of a paintbrush.

But the 27-year-old also does his skilful charcoal studies using his feet. And the result is always a beautiful work of art.

Tom, rapidly becoming one of Britain's most sought after artists, is a thalidomide victim. Not that he lets that little detail affect his life. For as well as painting delicate pictures of flowers and domestic scenes with his mouth and feet, Tom also drives a car, cooks and does do-it-yourself work around the home better than many men with a strong pair of arms.

Last year he was commissioned to paint the cover of a Christmas card for His Royal Highness Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales. He recalls: "It was a great honour. I would like to do some more work like that."

Tom, who is married to packaging designer Lucy, aged 22, explains: "I don't see myself as disabled. Everything I want to do, I do."

"I will never let anything get in the way of enjoying and living my life to the full."

This first exhibition of Tom's subtle art is a milestone in his life. Ever since he was a little boy Tom has set himself many goals and scored every time.

Art lovers come in their droves to admire Tom's work at his studio in Seaford, East Sussex. He says: "The exhibition is something I've always wanted to do. It took about two months to put together and I'm pleased with the result."

Fascinating

As a student member of the Mouth and Foot Painting Association, Tom cannot sell privately, but people's praise was enough for this modest man.

He explains: "The idea was to get the public in so they could watch me at work and there was a terrific response."

But Tom's biggest fan will always be Sigi the kitten. Each day the little cat sits and watches her master at work for hours.

He says: "I think she finds the painting fascinating. Often she tries to help out by grabbing the paintbrush. She is an inspiration to me and a great companion."



Tom Vendell, a thalidomide victim does his skilful pictures using either his mouth or feet.
A thalidomide victim, Tom Vendell has just staged his first brilliant art exhibition, in the UK. Some pictures are delicate studies in watercolour... only because he hates the taste of charcoal.

encouraged me all the way," he says. "He taught me such a lot and I can't thank him enough."

After school Tom studied art at Hastings College of Tech-

nology and Art and then went to gain an art degree at Brighton Polytechnic.

His favourite after dinner party story is when he was playing at the seaside as a little boy. He explains: "A boy came up to me while I was playing in the sand and said, 'Where are your arms?'

"But," adds Tom with a hearty chuckle, "he soon ran

away screaming to his mother when I told him they were at home under the bed."

It seems nothing is too much for Tom and his level-headed

approach to life has proved to be a winning formula. He passed his driving test first time in a specially adapted car at the age of 18 and he taught himself how to swim. He loves photography, does most of the cooking and has helped Lucy renovate their rambling cottage.

Tom's battle to win against all the odds has won many hearts and in 1986 he gained the Rehabilitation Man of the Year Award.

His fine works of art also caught the eye of experts working for the Mouth and Foot Painting Association and three years ago he joined as a student.

There are only nine students and 11 members throughout Britain and much of Tom's work is used for the organisation's special Christmas cards and wrapping paper.

Tom, who met Lucy at Brighton Polytechnic, is brimming full of projects for the future — and children are high on the list. He says with a glint in his eye: "We would love lots and lots of them. We have even bought a huge kitchen table to fit them all around!"

Next plan is to build their dream home. Tom says: "Some people are very bitter about their handicap, but I don't see the point. You can't change what has happened, but you can change the future."

"It's better to use your energy on something constructive. Better to just get on with your life rather than sitting in a corner, feeling sorry for yourself."

Hans Christian Andersen under fire

By Alan Elsner

ODENSE, Denmark, (Reuters) — A new academic institute aims to reacquaint the world with the macabre side of the much-loved Danish fairy-tale author Hans Christian Andersen.

"On one hand, Andersen is possibly the most read author in the world. He is known in every country and by every social class," said Johan de Mylius, head of the Andersen Centre at the University of Odense in the town where the writer was born in 1805.

"On the other hand, he is almost entirely unknown because only a tiny fraction of his work is still read today and that, mistakenly, is given to children," he said.

Most Andersen editions contain only about a dozen of his 156 fairy tales. His six novels and numerous plays and travesties are almost totally unknown.

Opened last year, the Andersen Centre wants to change that by reviving interest in the huge body of Andersen's forgotten writings and by encouraging study of the deeper themes in his apparently innocent fairy tales.

"Many of the fairy tales are only understandable for adults. They raise moral and philosophical issues that no child could make sense of," De Mylius said.

"They are packed full with mystical and religious themes and deal with difficult issues such as pain, suffering and death which our modern society prefers not to confront," he said.

Students from the United States, Japan and West Germany took courses at the centre last year. Chinese and Bulgarian students are among those registered for 1989.

Andersen's 10 or 15 best-known classics have been translated into 80 languages. New editions are constantly appearing and millions of children world-wide know stories like "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Emperor's New Clothes".

But De Mylius said many of the translations were poor, disturbing aspects of the stories were edited out, morals were altered and happy endings were often manufactured.

Even good translations often failed to transmit Andersen's imaginative use of language with all its irony and word play.

De Mylius described it as "word music."

Ironically, Andersen the man has overshadowed Ander-

The facts of life — what children say

By Alan Graham

WHEN children are not given proper sex education they come up with some weird and wonderful ideas about what sex is all about.

"Pregnancy? That's a night-club in New York," said a nine-year-old American girl.

For an Australian girl aged seven pregnancy meant "when you don't smoke or drink."

And according to a five-year-old English boy it was "a German word for 'Be quiet'."

And youngsters' definitions of conception ranged from "not just a washing powder but a fluoride" to "telling the future" and "it's when you're knocked unconscious."

Professor Ronald Goldman and his wife Juliette found some hilarious and often startling replies to their questions during interviews they had with more than 2,000 schoolchildren aged from five to 15 in Britain, Australia, USA, Canada and Sweden.

Most children up to the age of 11, they discovered, believed babies were born by Caesarian section because they could think of no aperture wide enough in the mother's body from which a baby could be born.

Many believed that a seed or miniature baby was somehow implanted in the mother, who was seen as some kind of extra fast microwave oven.

But the research now published in the new book *Show Me Yours — What Children Think About Sex*, had a serious purpose: to highlight the need for parents to give their children honest information about sex.

A 13-year-old girl told the interviewer: "My mum said to my aunty one day, when I was in the next room and the door was open, that I was a slow developer."

Professor Goldman, of La Trobe University in Australia, says: "In the absence of accurate information, children invent their own version of the facts of life."

"Our aim has been to provide some guidelines to parents, teachers and educators so that they can be helped to understand and handle child sexuality."

Refusal to answer children's questions about sex can result in bewilderment, anxiety and guilt at adolescence. Parents should be open and honest with their children on sexual matters if they are to prevent traumas like early pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases in their children's growth up."

The survey showed that parents tended not to understand that their children's sexuality began a lot earlier than they thought. The book quotes Australian research which showed that 54 per cent of males and 58 per cent of females reported that before the age of 12-13 had had sexual contact with another child.

Two in three said this included kissing in a sexual way and in 87 per cent of the cases it involved displaying the sex organs.

Professor Goldman and his wife point out that there is nothing "immoral or wicked" about children exploring their own sexuality.

They write: "No child is exactly the same as another. Each is a unique combination of physical inheritance and interactions with the environment which between them stimulate intellectual, social and other behaviour. Sexuality is no different."

"Our researches showed the wide variations in sexual development during infancy and childhood, the speed of growth and the fact that some children are early and others late developers."

"While most children display an early interest in sexual matters, there are some for whom such interest is of little consequence. Most children explore sexuality through games with friends, but there are others who seem to exhibit no such curiosity."

"Some children — like some adults — possess a stronger sexual drive than others."

Professor Goldman and his wife urge that parents watch their children's sexual development closely. And that they be prepared to answer any questions — and answer them fully and frankly — at any time to avoid problems later, even if the parents themselves find it embarrassing at first.

"Despite the popularity of the Caesarian section among children, one five-year-old boy said a

large number of the children questioned believed babies came out of the mother's navel, though one seven-year-old English girl had this romantic notion: "Babies come from heaven like little stars in the sky. The stars come down into the mother's mouth when she is asleep. The mother swallows the stars into her tummy and they grow into a baby."

Another believed all babies start as girls, then some were changed into boys "when the doctor gives it to them in their milk."

A surprising number of children in all the countries covered believed babies were "manufactured" in hospital, several thinking they were made from the recycled hair, skin, bones and teeth of people who had died in the hospital. One child believed the father went out and bought arms and legs "then put all the bits together in his workshop."

Another believed all babies start as girls, then some were changed into boys "when the doctor gives it to them in their milk."

In "The Wild Swans" a princess has to knot shirts out of stinging nettles to rescue her brothers, who have been transformed into swans by an evil queen. She too has to suffer her pain in silence until the task is done.

She meets an angel

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Toyota sets new annual production record

TOYOTA CITY, Jan 31, (AP): Toyota Motor Corporation has announced production, domestic registration, export and overseas operation results for 1988.

Total production for 1988 was 3,968,707 units, up 9.1 per cent from the previous year. This marked a new annual production record. (The previous highest figure was 3,665,622 units in 1985).

Production of passenger cars was 2,982,992 units, a 10.1 per cent increase and production of trucks and buses totalled 985,785, up 6.0 per cent. Overseas production totalled 244,210 units — up 27.0 per cent from the previous year.

Registration

Total domestic registrations for 1988 were 2,120,273 units, a 13.0 per cent increase over the previous year and the seventh consecutive annual increase. It also marked a new annual record. (The previous highest figure was 1,875,711 units in 1987).

Domestic registrations included 1,633,227 passenger cars, an increase of 12.3 per cent over the previous year, and 487,046 trucks and buses, an increase of 15.4 per cent compared to 1987.

Toyota holds a 31.5 per cent share of the total market, up 0.3 per cent from that of a year ago. Total exports for 1988 were 1,815,721 units, up 2.5 per cent from the previous year. Exports included 1,231,906 passenger cars, a 3.3 per cent increase over the previous year, and 583,815 trucks and buses, up 0.9 per cent from 1987.

More than 20 arms companies for Iraqi defence show

BAGHDAD, Jan 31, (AP): More than 20 major arms companies from Western Europe, China and the Soviet bloc will take part in the Baghdad defence equipment exhibition scheduled to open April 28, the Al-Iraqiya newspaper reported today.

The newspaper quoted chairman of the Iraqi general federation of chambers of commerce, said the companies include France's Thompson-CSF, Matra, Aerospace and Dassault groups at Italy's Fiat.

Supplier

Iraq was Iraq's second biggest arms supplier after the Soviet Union during the eight-year-old war with Iran before fighting halted with a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire on Aug 20.

The weekly quoted Industry Minister Hussein Kamel as saying the five-day exhibition will "provide the opportunity for all concerned to become acquainted with technical developments in this field."

It will also allow Iraqi companies to expand their links with foreign defence manufacturers to boost Iraq's military industry, he said.

Iraq has claimed to build its own long-range missiles which were used against Iranian cities during the war, and is seeking to develop its own arms industry.

Baghdad is believed to be cooperating with Argentina to develop a new missile.

Saudis aim for self-sufficiency in barley

NICOSIA, Jan 31, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia, one of the world's biggest barley importers, will probably be self-sufficient in barley from next year, the Saudi Agriculture Ministry said.

A statement, issued by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) late yesterday, said a decision earlier this month to scrap subsidies to private barley importers was aimed at benefiting local consumers.

The ministry confirmed it had eliminated a 100-rial (\$26.6) per tonne subsidy for Saudi importers.

It said a government agency was now importing barley and selling to consumers at subsidised prices, lower than those offered by the traders. Merchants had ignored repeated government appeals to reduce prices to the public, the ministry said.

Response

Barley prices in the kingdom had shot up to 33 riyals (about \$9) per 50 kg bag before the government started selling for 20 riyals (about \$9), it added.

SPA said the statement was in response to a Reuters story on Friday which reported the government measures and said they had upset and confused the trade.

Kuwait will continue to strengthen downstream marketing interests

Oil price will reach \$18 a barrel: Sheikh Ali

LONDON, Jan 31, (KUNA): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa has predicted that oil prices would rise to about \$18 a barrel this year or next, and to stay at that level for three or four years.

Looking at the overall oil market, Sheikh Ali said that consumption had been rising faster than predicted in recent years.

In an interview with the British newspaper The Financial Times published today, he re-affirmed that Kuwait would continue to strengthen its international downstream oil marketing interests, already known to consumers in Europe through the Q8 brand.

Viable

The oil minister indicated that the group would try to consolidate in Europe, expand in some markets and perhaps "quit others if there was no chance of building up a viable market share."

In his remarks made in Kuwait to the paper's correspondent, Sheikh Ali said that "Kuwait would not be deterred from investing in foreign companies by the recent uproar over its purchase of a large stake in British Petroleum (BP)."

The main business daily said that he made clear that Kuwait would not be concerned "about

unpublished or implicit rules when deciding on its investments."

Sheikh Ali was also quoted as saying "we will ... act completely above board", but added "the only rules we know are the rules that are published and passed by the appropriate authorities."

Repetition

"BP was a special situation because of the flotation and if a chance of a repetition occurs we will do it, unless there is specifically a law to prevent us from doing it," the oil minister added.

He emphasised that Kuwait did not seek political controversy, but would not avoid it if a good investment opportunity arose.

As for BP, Kuwait would not have sold its stake without a profit for the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO).

Last year the KIO was ordered by Britain to cut its holding in BP to 9.9 per cent from 21.7 per cent and a subsequent buyback arrangement left Kuwait with a handsome profit, and cost BP \$2.4 billion.

Kuwait underlined at that time it bought the BP shares as a long-term investment.

Reuters adds: In an another development oil ministers from powerful Saudi Arabia and three



Sheikh Ali Khalifa

other OPEC producers are examining ways OPEC can prop up world prices, including the unusual measure of calling the heads of state from all 13 members nations to meet later this year.

Plan

OPEC ministers from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Iraq and Ecuador, along with OPEC Secretary-General Subroto.

were scheduled to hold an informal meeting this afternoon at a seashore resort outside Caracas.

The ministers also plan to attend the Thursday inauguration of Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez.

Perez, who has repeatedly urged OPEC to hold a summit meeting, was Venezuela's President in 1975 when OPEC held an historic meeting of heads of state from all 13 members.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi told reporters when he arrived in Caracas on Monday evening that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein also favoured the idea of a summit meeting.

Al Chalabi said the Iraqi President had already proposed that such a meeting be held in the second half of 1989.

Iraq supported the idea ... and we proposed that this meeting be held during the second half of this year after preparations being made by the ministers of oil of the OPEC countries," Al Chalabi said.

Ecuadorian Oil Minister Diego Tamariz said that his nation also supported having an OPEC summit meeting.

However, Saudi Energy Minister Hisham Nazer who also arrived in Caracas yesterday, cautioned that "there are lots of details to be worked out" before a summit meeting could be held.

Saudi Arabia is the largest producer within OPEC with an output quota of 4.5 million barrels per day.

Meanwhile, Oman's Oil Min-

ster Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari will soon visit several non-OPEC oil producing countries to discuss ways to support oil prices, the official Oman News Agency said today.

Quoting the newspaper, Oman, it said Egypt would be the first stop on Shanfari's tour. It did not say when he planned to go to Cairo or which other non-OPEC countries he might visit.

He visited non-OPEC Soviet Union earlier this month and the newspaper said his planned tour would be a follow-up on his talks in Moscow.

Drive

Non-OPEC Oman has since December led a drive to increase co-ordination between the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-OPEC oil producers.

Experts from non-OPEC countries agreed to recommend "necessary co-operative measures" to their governments after meeting officials from OPEC countries last week in London.

Shanfari told the Oman newspaper yesterday that non-OPEC members may be asked to freeze or cut oil output to help raise prices at a second meeting with OPEC countries for which a date would be set later.

World Business Summary

Trade gap, jobless toll face France with a difficult year

PARIS, Jan 31, (Reuter): France's trade gap in 1983 was the worst for five years and unemployment was also edging up at year's end posing hard choices for the minority socialist government. Official figures yesterday showed the 1988 trade deficit was \$3 billion francs (\$5.3 billion), up from \$1.5 billion (\$5 billion) in 1987. Unemployment in December was 10.1 per cent of the workforce, better than the 10.4 per cent at the end of 1987 but rising again. Economists said the economy was likely to perform briskly in the first half of the year, but that would be likely to suck in more imports and keep the external balance deep in the red.

Prime Minister Michel Rocard's government would have to decide between slowing the economy with politically unpopular interest rate increases or letting it expand to stop jobless figures climbing back to 1987 levels. Gabriel Francois, an economist at Banque Nationale de Paris, said: "We will be obliged to brake the rate of economic growth in order to avoid the situation becoming even worse." Finance Minister Pierre Beregovoy strongly favours lower interest rates to cut industry's borrowing costs as it gears up for the challenge of the single European market which the European Economic Community intends to create in the 1990s. But he had to reverse an easier money policy when the franc came under attack, currency markets on a warming trade performance and rising world interest rates last summer. Economists noted that Britain and West Germany had now tightened policy to brake growth and damp down inflation.

Saudi bank's profit surge could signal end to slump

RIYADH, Jan 31, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia's largest joint venture bank said yesterday its 1988 net profit soared by 260 per cent, a sign that the kingdom's bank may have broken out of a five-year slump. Saudi American Bank (SAMBA), the first of the country's 12 commercial banks to release 1988 earnings, said in a statement that profits rose to \$23.2 million riyals (\$6.3 billion) from \$9.1 million riyals (\$2.4 million) the year before. A SAMBA spokesman said new treasury products and higher international interest rates contributed to the improvement. "The banking sector as a whole is performing better than it was two years ago," he said. In 1987 SAMBA, owned 40 per cent by Citibank and 60 per cent by Saudi shareholders, reported its first increase in net profit in five years. Bankers also expected strong performances from other banks. "Interest rates have been good for all of us," said a banker in Riyadh. "Saudi banks are cash rich, and they have really been helped out in the money market." Since the early 1980s Saudi bank profits have been hit by declining government oil revenues, low interest rates and loan repayment problems.

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| 4. Mr. N. Vijay Kumar | Indian |
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| 20. Mr. Adel Jassim Shinni | Iraqi |
| 21. Mr. Abdul Latif Abdul Razzaq Moqrid | Egyptian |

Work on Iranian petrochemical facilities nearing completion

TEHRAN, Jan 31. (OPECNA): Iran hopes to complete reconstruction work on its various war-damaged petrochemical facilities within five months, according to Ahmad Rangozari, managing director of the national petrochemical company.

He told reporters yesterday that the Razi petrochemical complex would be the first to resume operations on Feb 11, the anniversary of the Iranian revolution.

Rangozari is to lunch with Bush on Thursday and later in the day is to meet the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jim Wright, a Texas Democrat.

On Friday, he has tentatively scheduled a brief meeting with Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell before talks at the State Department.

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US officials expect the American side to press Tokyo to spend more on its military.

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High quality Arabic coffees from the highlands of Brazil, Colombia and Jamaica are being bought more and more in Western Europe, he said. The report credited the reintroduction of export quotas under the international coffee agreement as helping raise the price of Arabicas by 20 per cent in 1988.

That meant a shift away from the lower grade Robusta coffees grown nearer the sea in West Africa and Indonesia. Their prices were down by eight per cent.

Duncan also emphasised the uneven effects of price movements.

"The newly industrialised countries in Asia are importing feed for pigs and poultry," he said. "That pushes up the price of grain up for the low income countries of Africa, which have to buy more because they're reducing less themselves and there's less foreign aid available."

"The two leaders agreed it is necessary to reach an arrangement with creditors on scrapping part of the debts and rescheduling the rest to help African countries proceed with their development."

Creditors told to write off debt

CAIRO, Jan 31. (Reuter): Presidents Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Ibrahim Babangida of Nigeria urged world creditors today to reschedule part of Africa's debts and write off the rest.

"This is necessary not only for the poor but for all African countries," he said.

Egypt's foreign debt is \$43 billion and Nigeria's is \$26 billion. The leaders of the two most populous countries in Africa also discussed bilateral economic ties.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1989

International Bond Highlights

TOKYO: Twenty-six Japanese banks will sell an estimated 73 billion yen worth of dollar and yen loans to Brazil to the Japanese Yen Association Investment Inc. today, banking sources said. They said the price is likely to be 35 pct of the face value. (XLB) 0824

Tokyo: The Finance Ministry is likely to offer a 4.8 pct coupon for the 20-year government bond issue planned for February, bond managers said. (XLB) 0226

Tokyo: The World Bank has borrowed 40 billion yen from a group of 20 Japanese life insurance companies, the bank said in a statement. (XLB) 0129

New York: Victorian Public Authorities finance agency issued in the Yankee bond market 200 mln dls of guaranteed bonds due 1999 yielding 9.32 pct, said lead manager Solomon Brothers Inc. (XWB) 1821

London: Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp. is issuing a 120 mln dr Eurobond due Feb 28, paying 9-3/4 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Dainiwa Europe Ltd said. (XWW) 1549

Tokyo: Fujioka Ltd will issue 100 min drs in bonds with warrants through public placement in overseas markets excluding the US, with Yamaha International (Europe) Ltd as lead manager, a spokesman for Fujioka said. (XLCD) 0757

Washington: Argentina has effectively abandoned hopes of arranging a standby loan with the IMF before the country's presidential elections in May, monetary sources said. (Economic Spotlight ECTI-I)

London: Orient Leasing (Caribbean) NV is issuing two separate straight yen Eurobonds totalling 15 billion yen, the two lead managers said. (XWB) 1619

Interbank Rates

| | CALL | ONE MONTH | THREE MONTHS |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| LON | 12-7/8 3/4 | 13-1/8 15 | 13-1 12-15/16 |
| FFT | 6.00-00 | 5.45-75 | 5.95-6.05 |
| PAR | 8-1/2 5/8 | 8-5/4 7/8 | 8-7/8 9 |
| ZUR | 4-3/8 4-5/8 | 5-3/8 5-5/8 | 5-5/8 5-7/8 |
| BRX | 3.50 | 7-1/2 1/2 | 7-3/4 7/8 |
| RON | 11-3/8 11-7/8 | 11-7/8 12-3/8 | 12-1/8 12-5/8 |
| AMS | 6.31/43 | 6.15/25 | 6.25/37 |
| TOK | 3.31/32 4.1/32 | 4.10/32 12/32 | 4.17/32 19/32 |
| ECU | 7.75 8.00 | 8.00 8.12 | 8.25 8.37 |

Interest Rates

| Period | Bld | Offered |
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| 1 month | 7-9/16 | 8-1/16 |
| 3 months | 7-3/4 | 8-3/16 |
| 6 months | 7-13/16 | 8-1/4 |
| 1 year | 7-7/8 | 8-5/16 |

BOMBAY

| PR.CLOSE | OPEN | CLOSE | GLINDIA | 78 | 80.50 | 78.50 | NICO | 613.75 | 605 | 612.50 |
|-------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| ACC | 333 | 332.50 | 340 | GRASIM | 92.50 | 92 | 97.25 | NOCL | 830 | 830 |
| ASIA PAINT | 220 | 218.75 | 222.50 | GSFC | 145 | 143.75 | 145 | ORKAY | 25.50 | 25 |
| BAJAJ AUTO | 412.50 | 408.75 | 413.75 | HIND LEVER | 72 | 71 | 72 | PEICO | 21 | 21.50 |
| BAR.RAYON | 305 | 300 | 320 | HINDALCO | 187 | 187 | 187 | PFIZER | 69.50 | 74.50 |
| BOM.DYING | 124.50 | 124 | 124.50 | HINDCOOP | 111.25 | 111.25 | 113 | PRE.AUTO | 47 | 47.50 |
| BR. BOND | 117 | 116 | 120 | HINMOTOR | 28 | 28 | 28 | RAYMOND | 71.75 | 71 |
| BSE INDEX | 662.62 | 674.47 | 674.47 | IND.ORG | 44 | 44 | 44 | RELIANCE | 143.50 | 146 |
| CENTURYSP | 1430 | 1425 | 1440 | INDRAYON | 84.50 | 85 | 87.50 | SIEMENS | 83 | 83 |
| COLGATE | 327.50 | 326.25 | 337.50 | INDROL | 295 | 293.75 | 291.25 | SPIC | 44.75 | 44 |
| DEEPAK FERT | 37 | 37 | 37 | ITC | 48 | 48 | 50 | STOMMILS | 250 | 250 |
| ET.HOTEL | 57 | 56 | 58 | JSYNTN | 85.50 | 84.50 | 85.50 | TATA PUR | 385 | 375 |
| ESKAYEF | 145 | 142.50 | 141.25 | L AND T | 117 | 117 | 117 | TATACHEM | 116.50 | 116.50 |
| ESSAR | 22.75 | 22.75 | 23 | MAHINDRA | 89 | 90 | 90 | TELECO | 791.50 | 795 |
| GAR. POLY | 81.75 | 80 | 80 | MASTERSHR | 16 | 15.75 | 15.75 | TISCO | 1236 | 1257 |
| GE.SHIP | 38.65 | 38.35 | 38.50 | NATHER PL | 59 | 56 | 58 | VOLTAS | 550 | 540 |

FRANKFURT

| STOCK | LAST PR-CLOSE |
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| BADENWERK | 182.5 182.5 |
| BAFF | 285.5 290.0 |
| BAFER | 303.2 306.1 |
| BAYER HYP | 373.3 376.0 |
| BAYER VER | 380.5 382.0 |
| BBC | 379.5 379.2 |
| BHF | 423.0 423.0 |
| BW | 496.0 501.0 |
| COMMERZBK | 249.0 252.5 |
| CONTI GUMM | 265.5 267.0 |
| DAIMER BEN | 660.0 666.0 |
| DEUTSC BNK | 524.9 536.0 |
| DLW | 485.0 485.0 |
| DRESDNER B | 306.0 308.0 |
| DT BARBOCK | 164.5 166.8 |
| FAZ-INDEX | 556.15 564.21 |
| FELDMEHL | 306.0 308.5 |
| FEBSCHNIT | 384.00 384.00 |
| HAPENGER | 4161.80 4161.80 |
| HOECHST AG | 302.0 306.0 |
| HOESCH | 218.0 223.5 |
| HORTEN | 232.0 235.0 |
| HUSSEL HLD | 455.0 460.0 |
| KALI SALZ | 195.0 195.2 |
| KARSTADT | 433.5 435.0 |
| KLAUHOF | 422.5 422.5 |
| KLOECK H | 171.5 173.5 |
| KLOECK W | 156.5 159.5 |
| LINDE | 766.0 768.0 |
| LUFTHANSA | 164.0 169.0 |
| MAN | 249.0 253.0 |
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| FUJITSU | 1540 | 1560 | SANKYO | 2320 |
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| HONDA MOT | 2130 | 2140 | SONY | 7260 |
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Gold remains unchanged

Dollar rises to 4-month highs

LONDON, Jan 31. (Reuter): The dollar shot up to four-month highs in Europe today after signs the United States might tighten its monetary policy to fight inflation.

But money going into dollars could mean less investment in stocks. Shares dropped in early trading on Wall Street and London was knocked off its highs.

The dollar firmed to above 1.87 West German marks and 130 Japanese yen after Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve (Central Bank), said in testimony to a congressional committee that the United States should err on the side of restrictive policies to lower inflation.

Remarks

Demand for the US currency rose at the market interpreted his remarks as a sign that US interest rates could go higher.

Dealers in Frankfurt said the risk of central bank intervention to curb the dollar's rise had increased.

Greenspan told the Joint Economic Committee the rise in interest rates over the past 10 months was unlikely to lead to a

recession.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8754 marks and 130.45 yen after finishing yesterday at 1.86 and 129.40.

London share prices, which have soared in recent days, dropped off early highs after Greenspan's comments hit confidence on Wall Street.

Prices

"The fall on Wall Street gave market makers the excuse they needed to push prices lower and get some stock back on their books — and gave investors the excuse they needed to take some profits," one trader in London said.

Traders said there were no outstanding features today but business had tended to be more selective. Although well off the top, prices were still tending to be squeezed higher by shortages of stock among market makers, they noted.

Publishing group REED International stood 16p up at 436 amid rumours of a consortium bid approach for the company.

Dealers noted that REED itself has been on the lookout to make a bid for some time and has a

sizable "war chest" of around £550 million.

Reed was not available for comment.

In the same sector Pearson added 14p to 729 on light demand in a very thin market.

British Steel, 1p up at 78, was again the most active issue with over 66 million shares traded.

Second most active with 31 million traded was investment trust Cambrian and General. The stock rose 5p to 120p on news it has agreed terms for a raised bid from US company Leucadia National Corp. The new bid values Cambrian at £77.3 million, up from the previous 71.3 million.

Rights

Leucadia and its associates now control shares representing 40.6 per cent of the Cambrian and General voting rights. Cambrian was formerly a vehicle for disgraced US arbitrageur Ivan Boesky.

In the same sector GT Management rallied to 181p from the overnight 176p after the Bank of Liechtenstein said it would offer 180p per share for the company. The offer values the whole of GT

at £91.5 million and has been agreed by GT.

Property group Mountleigh ended unchanged on balance at 159p after reporting a fall in pre-tax earnings for the half-year to £24.76 million from 35.41 million. Mountleigh said profits suffered from a reduction in trading activity and greater emphasis on investment and development.

Banks were very firm in places ahead of the reporting season later this month with National Westminster up 10p to 599.

Value

Insurances were firm as the mild winter continued. "January has almost gone and we've got by without a spate of major weather damage claims," one insurance sector analyst said. "January and February are usually the worst months for such claims." Sun Alliance jumped 16p to 1,128 while Commercial Union lost 2p to 384 on switching into other insurers.

Ultragrain lost 5p to 305 on profit-taking after the recent speculative rise, despite yesterday's statement that it was aware of quiet trading dealers said.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was quoted in late London business around \$16 a barrel. The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was quoted in London at 103 per cent, yielding 8.83 per cent.

Ministers and bank chiefs to review their handling of world economy

G-7 must make fresh push for long-term reform

LONDON, Jan 31. (Reuter): The West's financial leaders appear to have won a battle to curb wild currency swings but economists say they must make a fresh push for long-term economic reform if they are to correct stubborn trade imbalances.

Finance ministers and central bank chiefs from the Group of Seven industrial nations will review their handling of the world economy in Washington on Friday and can claim considerable success in stamping out violent exchange rate fluctuations.

Obsessed

But some economists believe international co-operation, which began in earnest with a 1985 pact to depress an overvalued dollar, has become obsessed with monetary policy and must now look more to structural reforms to secure growth.

"The greater the emphasis on monetary policy, the greater the

risk of world recession," said David Mars, European economist at London brokers Warburg Securities.

"Structural adjustments," often involving controversial and far-reaching social changes, have long been stressed by the Group of Seven nations in their communiques, but economists say progress so far has been disappointingly slow.

Such reforms are recognised as being no quick fix to economic problems, but could gradually boost demand in countries such as Japan and West Germany without fuelling inflation and help correct the growing imbalance in world trade.

Congratulate

The Group of Seven nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — will be able to congratulate each other in Washington on strong economic growth last year despite the October 1987 world stock

market crash.

But 1989 is already proving a more difficult year.

They have contained a powerful dollar rally, but at a cost. Its surge against the West German mark has raised fears of a new bout of inflation and, in conjunction with a tightening of US monetary policy, has forced up interest rates across Europe.

Economists say the Group of Seven's success in pegging the dollar within a relatively narrow band since February 1987 has also helped stall the narrowing of global trade imbalances.

Surplus

Economists estimate West Germany's trade surplus in 1988 totalled about 120 billion marks (\$64 billion) and the Bonn government is projecting a further modest rise this year.

The US deficit has caused increasing alarm on financial markets as figures show the buoyant American economy continuing to suck in imports.

Last November's deficit widened to \$12.51 billion from \$10.26 billion in October.

Economists have few doubts about the ideal scenario for Friday's talks: Europe and Japan will be told of swift action by the new Washington administration to cut the US budget deficit.

That would dampen excess demand in the American economy, help the Federal Reserve ease its tight monetary policy and allow scope for matching cuts in European interest rates.

Scapital

The US Treasury's top international monetary official David Muirhead told world businessmen and politicians in Davos at the weekend a budget plan would be unveiled "very soon."

European monetary officials are sceptical about early cuts but some are thought to be anxious to shift the focus of public attention away from their management of exchange rates.

The attractiveness of struc-

tural reforms is that they can increase demand and capacity within an economy, improving the outlook for balanced world trade, without fuelling inflation.

The disadvantage is that reforms are often politically difficult, go to the heart of questions of national sovereignty and take time to work through to economic statistics.

Flexible

In West Germany, for instance, potential for structural reform centres on more flexible working hours and movement of labour. One of the most controversial issues has been extending strictly-controlled shopping hours.

"You are really talking about social change," said Warburg's Mars. "It has to take place over a number of years and be thought through... but when an economy is doing relatively well, people feel less inclined to change their way of life."

Bush hopes to spell out plans for savings and loans shortly

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (AP): President George Bush hopes to spell out plans for dealing with the savings and loan crisis in his Feb 9 address to Congress but might not be ready with details by then, his spokesman said yesterday.

"He'll address it in his speech. I'm not willing to say how specific his speech will be," said Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater also said Bush would continue to seek advice from members of Congress despite complaints by White House Chief of Staff John Sununu that lawmakers had leaked discussions of a fee on deposits.

Important

"Consultations are a very important part of the process," Fitzwater said. "President Bush has been reaching out to Congress in many forms. We would expect that to continue."

Sununu suggested in a television interview on Sunday that certain members of Congress may have violated the administration's trust in leaking word that the depositor fee was under consideration.

That enabled critics of the plan to seize the initiative and "put the worst foot forward" late last week, Sununu said.

Disclosure that the fee was under consideration caused immediate protests in Washington as well as in the banking and savings and loan industry.

The plan would call for a fee of about \$2.50 for each \$1,000 on deposit in a federally insured savings and loan. The proceeds would go toward the \$100 billion that federal regulators say will be needed to deal with the nation's insolvent savings and loans.

Savings

The nation's 3,000 savings and loans are banks that make personal and mortgage loans, while the 13,000 US commercial banks make business loans. Hundreds of savings and loans are in financial difficulties.

Fitzwater said such a fee — which some critics say would violate Bush's no-new-taxes pledge — remains an option under consideration by the administration.

He said the President has been meeting with Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady daily.

More exchanges planned with E. Germany, Czechoslovakia

Bilateral trade prospects bright, says Iran

NICOSIA, Jan 31. (AP): Trade between Iran and East Germany will total \$300 million in the next Iranian year, starting March 21, Tehran radio reported yesterday.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Iranian Industry Minister Gholam Reza Shafei as saying that "trade between the two countries will be on a barter basis."

He told a news conference that Iranian exports to East Germany next year will include 1 million tons of crude oil.

In return, East Germany will help set up a major facility for producing basic materials for the glass and paper industries, the radio said.

Bright

Shafei also said after meeting yesterday with visiting Czechoslovakian Prime Minister Ladislav Adamec that bilateral trade prospects were "vast and bright," Tehran television reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Shafei as saying Iran wanted to use Czech industrial expertise in varied areas that included production of cement, tyres, sugar cane and ceramics.

The television quoted Adamec as saying Czechoslovakia was willing to purchase more oil and gas from Iran, but gave no

specific figures.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, also monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unidentified Czech embassy official in Tehran as saying that imports from Iran totalled \$92 million in 1987 and comprised oil, mineral ore, dried fruit, hides and footwear.

He said that Czechoslovakian exports to Iran reached \$62 million over the same period, and mostly were machine tools, textile machinery and spare parts for sugar mills constructed by Czechoslovakia in Iran, IRNA said.

Following the Aug 20 UN-mediated ceasefire in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, Iran has been seeking foreign assistance in rebuilding war-damaged industry but is balancing agreements between Western and East bloc countries.

Trade deals were signed in recent months with Italy, West Germany, Britain and France. They were balanced by other accords with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and East Germany.

Meanwhile, Iran's state-owned tanker company yesterday proposed forming a joint tanker fleet along with other Gulf oil-exporting countries, Tehran radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in

Nicosia, quoted an unnamed senior official as telling a news conference the National Iranian Tanker Company ranks third among world tanker firms.

With 28 tankers whose capacity totals more than 5.5 million tons, the company is biggest oil-shipping outfit among the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, he said.

The official also said the company also operates a number of foreign tankers under charter, the radio said.

The radio gave no details of the Iranian tanker co-operation scheme, which appeared to reflect excess tanker capacity following the Aug 20 ceasefire in

the eight-year Gulf war.

Iraqi air attacks during the war made foreign tankers captains wary of docking at Kharg Island, Iran's main oil outlet.

Iran started shuttling oil from Kharg to Sirri Island, located out of normal range for Iraqi bombers, and also anchored three supertankers there to serve as floating storage facilities.

Eleven Iranian tankers took crude oil from Kharg to Sirri, where foreign tankers loaded up from the floating reservoirs.

In September 1986 Iraqi bombers... This size will allow a frequent service on the dense routes and a daily service of tens, if not hundreds, of others.

In Dr Lowe's opinion: "The next genuine supersonic aircraft will seat between 50 and 100 passengers... This size will allow a frequent service on the dense routes and a daily service of tens, if not hundreds, of others."

Step

"A possible and indeed likely step towards this is the supersonic corporate jet sized aircraft," he said.

This aircraft could be operated by airlines in parallel with wide-bodied aircraft and cater for part

of the existing subsonic first class market, Dr Lowe suggested.

Dr Lowe highlighted that constraints on the development of a new supersonic aircraft included cost, engine design, engine noise limitations, environmental concerns and operational

Texaco sets payout in pact with Icahn

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Jan 31. (Reuter): Texaco has settled its long-running feud with Carl Icahn and announced it will make a \$1.9 billion special payout to shareholders, exceeding Wall Street's expectations.

The third largest US oil company said yesterday it entered into a "standstill" agreement with financier Icahn, holder of a 16.6 per cent Texaco stake, preventing him from buying more shares and settling all outstanding litigation.

"We made peace," Icahn said in a telephone interview.

"We dealt with problems that were hurdles in the way of having a smoother and steadier approach," Texaco chairman Alfred DeCrane said in an interview.

"Now we should have that stability and I think that is recognised by Carl."

Texaco will realise about \$7 billion from various asset sales, which culminated Jan 20 with the announcement that Imperial Oil, which is controlled by Exxon, would acquire Texaco's 78 per cent stake in Texaco Canada for

\$3.24 billion in cash.

"I intend to send them candy and flowers every once in a while, but seriously, I think the price they got for Texaco Canada was excellent. Basically Texaco's top management has done a lot to change the image of the company," Icahn said.

"The programme is going to be well-received on Wall Street but there will be some disappointment that Texaco is no longer in (takeover) play," said analyst Richard Pzena of Sanford C. Bernstein and Co.

Texaco had said last year it would distribute \$1.7 billion to shareholders in proceeds from the sales, but today's amount far exceeds that level.

Restructuring

Texaco said the remaining proceeds from asset sales and restructuring would be used to reduce debt and for additional investments.

Analyst George Friesen of Dean Witter Reynolds said Icahn would not have agreed to the dividend if he didn't think the stock would rise.

Profitability.

He suggested that multi-government funding might be required for the research, development and production of the aircraft, but that the project could be used as the catalyst to improve international co-operation.

Success

Commenting on the current status of supersonic travel Dr Lowe pointed to the success of Concorde in demonstrating that supersonic commercial transport is possible on a regular, every day basis: "From British Airways' standpoint Concorde is successful and profitable and is something of which we are all very proud."

Salvador Dali expressed rage against the social order

Impulses from the dark side of the soul

By Dolores Barclay

NEW YORK. (AP) The French writer Andre Lautreamont once described surrealism as the chance encounter of an umbrella and typewriter on an operating table. Salvador Dali defined the philosophical and artistic movement through his work and through his life, which eventually became a surreal canvas.

From his dreams and from impulses that seeped from the dark side of the soul, Dali expressed his rage against the social order and impishly tweaked the bourgeoisie.

His death last week in his hometown of Figueras, Spain, at the age of 84, ended a life filled with eccentricities and a creative streak that touched the art world like a live grenade. Though few of the original surrealists — who exchanged their revolutionary ideas in Paris cafes in the late 1920s — are still alive, many in the world of art were quick to recognise his loss and his gift.

There was, and will always be, only one Dali — a man with intense, saucer eyes and a mustache that travelled upward to form a bullethead with his cheeks.

"More than any of his contemporaries, Dali painted through the mind's eye," said pop artist Peter Max. "By expanding the boundaries of time and space on canvas, he changed the relationship between art and reality, influencing every artist who followed him. Much of the surrealism in my early work grew out of my admiration for him."

Kirk Varnedoe, director of painting and sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, called Dali, "a unique figure in modern art."

"Dali's extraordinary theatrical instincts, and the expansion of his career into various commercial realms, redefined the conception of how



Salvador Dali: touched the art world like a live grenade

a modern artist might engage himself with contemporary society," Varnedoe said.

"For those who are concerned with the terminology in modern art of the scandalous and the playful, or of psychological revelation and gaudy imitation, Dali will always be an exemplary figure."

His images of watery timepieces, melting flesh and disfigured appendages became symbols of irrational expression and insolence for a group of writers, painters and philosophers who had set out to explode the social order.

They included the artists Yves Tanguy, Jean Arp, Joan Miró,

Magritte and Max Ernst, filmmaker Luis Bunuel, and the writers André Breton and Paul Eluard.

The Happy Horse, which Dali painted around 1980, showed a hideous purple beast. Dali said it didn't matter whether it was a horse or a cow; the animal was "rotten." And he once created a plaster lion's head with a fried egg in its mouth.

Sometime in the 1920s, Dali had a dream about a hand crawling with ants. He described the dream to Bunuel, who had had his own encounter with the dark side of his soul: he had dreamed about a razor-like cloud slicing the moon in half.

From the two dreams came the screenplay for the Bunuel movie fantasy, *Un Chien Andalou*, or *An Andalusian Dog*, an irrational series of vignettes that opens with a razor cutting an eyeball.

Dali's artistic genius had evolved from more than one plane: he had journeyed from realism (*Basket of Bread*) to cubism (*Harlequins*) to neoclassicism (*Venus and Cupid*). And when his thoughts turned to money instead of transforming life, the surrealists "excommunicated" him.

During the Spanish civil war in the late 1930s, when surrealism had surely reached its peak, Dali, who supported the fascists, was excommunicated.

"All my eccentricities are to prove that I am still alive and immortal," he once said. "With me, it has to be that — death or life."

developed a new appreciation for the renaissance and baroque which began showing in his work (*Impression of Africa*, *Philosophy illuminated*). With the outbreak of World War II, he became more classic and he took to painting portraits of women. After the war, his paintings had more religious themes.

"Everything in life leads to one idea," Dali said in an interview in 1963. "At first I was interested in psychoanalysis, then in the theory of relativity and nuclear physics. Now I am obsessed with biology ... molecular structure ... cybernetics. ... but everything science is connected by art.

"Scientific people believe in God and realise that matter is only energy. Material things disappear. We live now in a crisis of mysticism. Everything is metaphysical. We are in a new renaissance of religion — and reunification of religions."

In 1949, he gave his first religious painting to the Vatican.

"Dali disconcerted superficial minds because he hid truths with light and because he used the dialectic of analogy rather than that of identity," said the artist Georges Mathieu in an interview in Paris. "Dali is more important as a cosmic genius than as a painter."

Throughout his life, Dali moved in a world of symbols, whether canes, crutches, watches or animals. At one time he gave art lectures clad in a diving suit. He also once summed up his personal philosophy in two words: "galactoxybonucleic acid." The first four letters formed the name of his wife, Gala. The rest, he said, was DNA — the chemical of which genes are made. To Dali, it was a symbol of immortality.

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A British Rail official with some of the works of art that will go on sale.

Major art collection up for grabs

By Sarah Jane Checkland

The British Rail Pension Fund has announced that it will sell most of its collection of Impressionist paintings at Sotheby's on April 4.

The 26 works include a Blue Period portrait by Picasso

(estimate £4 million), an ink drawing by Van Gogh (£2 million), Monet's "Santa Maria della Salute, Venice" (£4 million), and Renoir's "La Promenade" (£5 million). The list also includes six Pissarros, two Cézannes and two Boudins.

Sotheby's estimate the consignment at between £18 million

and £24 million. In the light of Impressionism's recent performance, this is likely to be improved, but even this modest estimate compares dramatically with the fund's outlay during the late 1970s of £3.5 million. There is unlikely to be a heritage outcry about the sale in the United Kingdom.

Help for Chinese cultural sites

LOS ANGELES, (UPI) China: A trust left by the late oil magnate J. Paul Getty has signed an unprecedented agreement to work together on the conservation of two of China's most important cultural sites.

Supported by UNESCO, the educational, scientific and cultural organisation of the United Nations, the project represents the first major collaboration of its kind between China, a foreign private foundation and a UN agency, officials for the Getty trust and the Chinese government said.

The sites — the ancient rock temples of Mogao grottoes, located on the edge of the Gobi desert in northwestern China, and the Yungang grottoes, 200 miles west of Beijing — are two of China's official national treasures, a designation given only to a small number of the country's thousands of cultural monuments.

Grottoes

"The Mogao and Yungang grottoes are the most magnificent storehouses of Buddhist art in the world, with their long history and rich contents," Chinese Consul-General Ma Yuzhen said at a news conference held at the Chinese consulate.

"We are very happy to see that with the support of UNESCO, the Getty conservation institute of the J. Paul Getty Trust has joined our country in the conservation of the two sites," Yuzhen said.

Harold Williams, a spokesman for the Getty trust, said the conservation institute and China's Ministry of Culture have been exploring the possibility of working together since 1986.

In May 1988, at the invitation of the Chinese government, Getty institute representatives made a preliminary visit to China, during which the Mogao and the Yungang grottoes were identified as possible sites for joint conservation projects, Williams said.

Later that year, institute director Luis Monreal and his staff, together with specialists from China's Ministry of Culture, examined the two sites and discussed the specifics of a conservation programme.

The Yungang grottoes near Datong, an industrial and coal-mining city in northern China, contain 53 rock temples in a 1,000-yard-long sandstone cliff face that date from 460 A.D. to 525 A.D. Fifty-one thousand representations of Buddha, ranging in size from miniature bas-reliefs to statues 60 feet (20 m) in height, are carved directly into the rock.

Centuries of rain, wind, earthquakes and now pollution due to industrialisation and urban development have greatly deteriorated the sites and their artwork. The many conservation problems include stone erosion, peeling of paint layers and colour change of

statues.

Other projects undertaken by the institute include its collaboration with the Egyptian government to save the wall paintings in the tomb of Queen Nefertari and to preserve the royal mummies in the Egyptian museum in Cairo, and a pilot project for the conservation of mosaics in Cyprus.

First Gauguin display in 40 years

By Marilyn August

PARIS, (AP) Some 300 works by Paul Gauguin, the French painter who rejected the comforts of middle-class life to pursue art in the Polynesian wild, have gone on show at the Grand Palais in the first major retrospective of his work in 40 years.

Gauguin is a 2-million-dollar co-production with the Art Institute of Chicago and the Washington National Gallery of Art, which presented slightly different versions of the show last year.

The French have not had a comprehensive look at Gauguin since 1949, and they have embraced his works wholeheartedly. The show has been billed as the blockbuster event of the season, drawing some 6,000 visitors daily.

Critics say the highlights are 11 paintings on loan from the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad and Moscow's Pushkin Museum, which rarely leave the Soviet Union.

They include *Pastorales Tahitiennes* (1892), a brightly coloured bucolic scene which Gauguin believed was his

"best" Tahitian effort.

With its flat surface, exotic flowers and sensuous women in native dress, the work sums up Gauguin's essence. The distorted perspective and bold use of colour, which he once called a "profound, mysterious language, a language of the dream," would later influence works by Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and other 20th-century masters.

In early years, when working as a respectable stockbroker and painting on weekends, Gauguin tried to master Impressionist techniques. Later, reacting against realism, he would reject them altogether, opting instead for mystery and exoticism.

Gauguin sought a primitive naturalness wherever he went and became dependent on it for stimulation.

In 1888, he went to Arles, in southern France, where he painted the same sunflowers and haystacks Van Gogh immortalized. Later, during two different stays in the South Pacific, he would depict the tribal rituals and superstitions of "true savages."

Besides bringing together so

many remarkable paintings executed after 1895, when he left France, never to return, the Paris exhibition features two important works not displayed in Washington or Chicago.

One of them is *Itata Tamari Vahine Judith te Parari* (1893-94), a bizarre portrait of a naked Polynesian adolescent posing with an orange monkey. Anna the Javanese, as she was known, was 13 when she became Gauguin's mistress and accompanied him back to France from the South Pacific after his first stay there.

On a visit to Brittany, the flamboyantly dressed Anna and her monkey were laughed at by sailors, prompting the artist to pick a fight. He sustained a broken foot and was bedridden for weeks. Anna left him, returned to Paris and robbed his studio of paintings and other valuables, leaving him practically destitute.

The show ends on a optimistic note: the monumental door frame taken from his hut in the remote South Pacific island of Marquesas where Gauguin died miserable and alone in 1903 at age 55.

By Smith

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

RARE SKIN DISEASE MAY IMPROVE BY ITSELF

QUESTION: My son was recently diagnosed as having a rare skin disease called morphea. He has three lumps on his back now. Can you tell me what causes it, and whether this will turn to cancer?

ANSWER:

Morphea, known also as circumscripted scleroderma, was first described by Dr C. H. Fagge, in the Guy's Hospital Report, in 1868. It's not a disease one sees everyday, and it's usually observed more frequently in women than men.

With onset between the ages of 20 and 40, it may be accompanied by headaches and arthritic-type pain. Actually it's a disease that attacks the collagen elements of the dermis layer of the skin. The area becomes filled with fluid and swells, causing the lumps you have observed. It then forms scar-like tissue, making the skin feel hard.

There are five different varieties that are recognized, each a bit different in the way it looks, and the areas of the body it affects. No clear cause has been discovered, although its beginnings may be associated with trauma to the skin, pregnancy or menopause. Usually no treatment is indicated, but in serious cases, the affected areas may be injected with corticosteroids, cortisone

like medication. If the scars interfere with necessary functions, surgery may be performed to remove them.

I found no mention of this condition becoming cancerous in the material I read, but I'm pleased to report that several types of morphea may improve spontaneously after a three-to-five-year period.

QUESTION: This will be our first visit to a beloved and alert aunt in her new surroundings, a nursing home. It's also our first experience with such visits, and we are all feeling just a bit nervous about what should or should not be said or done. Can you provide us with some guidelines?

ANSWER: While there are a few small details that may help, the best advice I can offer you is to be yourselves, and allow your aunt to be herself to enjoy the visit. This is her new home, and she will proudly introduce you to her new friends. Allow her to be the hostess she was in former surroundings, and take her up on the tour she will most certainly offer you. But be alert and attentive, on the watch for signs of overdoing it a bit, or of distress. Listen carefully to what she says, as well as how she says it, and answer her directly and honestly, just as in

the old days.

You may want to call the home before your visit to be sure that you will arrive at a time that will not disrupt normal schedules and activities. If your gifts are to include food, be sure they are permitted on special diets, but bring a small luxury that may not be routinely provided. Small living plants make fine gifts and may help brighten a room. Concentrate on conversation, remembering good old times, to provide your aunt with some pleasant moments and an attentive and loving audience. Listen carefully for hidden meanings and pay attention to non verbal clues that may indicate the state of your aunt's well being.

Encouragement and reassurance are important functions of your visit, so touch frequently. Be sure the tone of your voice conveys your love and concern. If you can find some treasured photos from previous meetings, take them with you, in a frame — perhaps, as a souvenir of your visit. If other family members are responsible for your aunt's welfare, call and share your experiences and observations with them. Then enjoy the warmth provided by your good deeds.

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SPORTS

REGGI OUTPLAYS MESKHI IN PACIFIC OPEN

Miyagi stuns Savchenko in opener

TOKYO, Jan 31, (UPI): Japan's Nana Miyagi took advantage of 21 double faults and 60 unforced errors by Soviet Larisa Savchenko to upset the world No. 16 in the first round of the \$300,000 Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament.

But Miyagi, the world's 200th ranked player, downed Savchenko 5-7, 7-5, 6-4, to earn a second round clash with top-seeded Martina Navratilova.

Raffaela Reggi, the lone Italian entry, downed Leila Meskhi of the Soviet Union 6-3, 6-4 and Akemi Nishiya of Japan defeated Katrina Adams of the United States 6-3, 6-4.

Others moving into the second round were American Andrea Leand, who scored a 6-7 (9-7), 6-3, 6-3 win over countrywoman Erica O'Neill, Wendy White of the United States, who beat Japan's Kumiko Okamoto 7-6 (11-9), 6-0 and Peanut Louie-Harper of the United States who beat Japan's Maya Kidowaki.

Second seeded Chris Evert, who along with Navratilova,



Reggi jubilates after beating Meskhi.

third seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and fourth seeded Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union drew first round byes, will play Leand in the second round.

Sabatini will face Nishiya and Zvereva takes on Molly van Nostrand when second round play

begins tomorrow at the Aoyama Gakuin Memorial Hall.

Navratilova and Evert, however, do not play until Thursday.

"I was lucky she was always double-faulting," said Miyagi of Savchenko. "Everyone was tell-

ing me that her serve was really strong so I was surprised that she double-faulted so much.

"Even when she got her serve though, I thought I returned well," the teenager said.

It wasn't the double faults alone that cost Savchenko. Sixty unforced errors and a lack of concentration in the final set added to her poor performance.

Miyagi took advantage of Savchenko's mistakes and hustled her way to the win despite suffering a pulled muscle in the opening set which she said got worse as the match progressed.

Savchenko held serve to open the match, but a pair of double faults proved an omen of things to come.

She took the first set, but held serve only twice and had to break Miyagi for the win.

The Russian fell behind early in the second set 2-1. Miyagi easily broke serve in the third game, winning the first point on a forehand winner, and took the next two points on double faults, winning the game on an unforced

error.

Miyagi built a 4-2 lead, but Savchenko held service, then broke Miyagi to tie it at four.

Savchenko, however, failed to win a point in the 12th game and Miyagi took the set.

The Soviet looked strong opening the third set. She briefly went to her serve and volley game, but when her service vanished after taking a 2-0 lead, Miyagi stormed back.

Followed

The Japanese had a chance to end the match in the ninth game, but Savchenko fought off match point and won the game. She also won the first point of the final game, but followed that with a lazy return into the net. Miyagi took the next three points for the match.

First round play continues tomorrow with fifth seeded Zina Garrison of the United States, sixth seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany and Americans Lori McNeil (seventh) and Mary Jo Fernandez, all in action.

Aouita wants to fight drug abuse in sport



Aouita: to launch his indoor career in the United States this week

CASABLANCA, Jan 31. (Reuter): World champion Said Aouita, who launches his indoor career in the United States this week, wants to form a group of leading athletes to fight drug abuse in the sport.

"Its mission will be to work with national and international bodies to fight all forms of doping," Aouita, the Moroccan 1,500 and 5,000 metres world record holder, told reporters before leaving for his first indoor meeting in America.

Hoped

He said his plans were in the early stages but while in the United States he hoped to speak to Carl Lewis and Ed Moses, who have both spoken out against drugs.

Aouita said competitors who cheated by taking drugs were ruining athletics and presenting the sport with "a sombre future."

He said he was fully fit after his disappointing performance at the Seoul Olympics where he collected a bronze in the 800 metres and withdrew injured from the 1,500.

"Had it not been for my injury, I'd have won both the 800 and

1,500 metres at the Olympics," he said. "My performance in the heats showed I was well on the way to doing it."

He said he was gambling by competing on the US indoor circuit, the first time he has run indoors.

"But without taking risks you cannot get anywhere," he said, adding that he needed top competition to remain among the world's best.

Aouita said he would race in New York on Feb 3, New Jersey on Feb 5, Washington on Feb 10 and Los Angeles on February 17 but had not yet decided which events to enter.

"I will study the lists of competitors and then make up my mind," he said. "It's the first time I run inside and it is not going to be easy."

If he is successful in the United States, Aouita said he would take part in the World Championships in Budapest next March.

Aouita said he had still not decided whether to concentrate on 800 and 1,500 metres outdoors or whether to revert to the 500 metres and continue to experiment with the 10,000.

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SADING

Shamaal scores easy win in second race

SHAMAAL'S ability to exploit Friday's heavy weather swept her to victory in KOSA's second race of the 1989 Spring Series.

The race which began in light airs saw all yachts drifting towards the first mark under tide. Lemons was the first to exploit new breeze from the starboard quarter and rounded Hakem's Heap first, followed by Good Company and Gambit. The second leg was a beat to West Cardinal. Shamaal and Good Company tacked onto port, having decided to take a line parallel to shore, the remainder of the fleet which included Why Not and Danat heading offshore.

Favoured

As the fleet converged on West Cardinal in an eight knot south-easterly wind, it became apparent that the inshore tack taken by Good Company and Shamaal was the favoured side of the course as they crossed ahead of Gambit and Lemons.

Shamaal, skippered by John Bell, was first to the mark with Lemons and Gambit a few minutes behind engaged in a tacking duel to gain supremacy at the mark. Good Company, helmed by John Brand was sailing an excellent race and was in contention for Handicaps honours.

The fleet then beat towards Masis in rapidly freshening winds and building seas. Gambit, who had sailed under Lemons Lee, was closing on Shamaal, however, failure to reduce sail resulted in her being overtaken and constantly rounding up. Meanwhile, Shamaal turned on the pressure and mercilessly ploughed through the chop.

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Crossed

Shamaal had opened up a big five minute lead but gear failure forced her to drop her spinnaker and go for home with a gooseneck configuration. After nearly seven hours' sailing she crossed the finish line four minutes ahead of Gambit, who in turn was home eight minutes in front of Lemons.

Shamaal now takes the lead in the series since the first race was abandoned due to lack of wind.



Zaheer takes Super Royal past Punjab

SUPER ROYAL Cricket Club thrashed Punjab Farwaniya Cricket Club by 80 runs in a Morning Star Trophy cricket tournament match at the Airport ground on Friday.

Super Royal, batting first, scored 180 in their 20 allotted overs. Shahid was the top scorer with 75. He hit two sixes and eight boundaries.

Zaheer gave Shahid valuable support by scoring 52 made with the help of two sixes and four fours. All Raza chipped in with 18 while Riaz hit 10.

Splendid

Punjab found the going too tough for them when they started batting. Zaheer was in splendid form and took five wickets for 15 runs to follow up his performance with the bat.

Punjab were all out for 103 with Bashir hitting 27 and Amer 18. Riaz was the other bowler to do well, claiming two wickets while Aamer got one.

Karpov takes lead in chess quarterfinals

SEATTLE, Jan 31, (AP): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union defeated Icelandic grandmaster Johann Hjartason last night to take the lead in the World Chess Championship candidates quarterfinals.

Their first game on Saturday ended in a draw.

Karpov had an advantage as early as the 12th move. An analyst, Elliott Winslow, an international master, said Karpov elected to sacrifice a rook for a bishop and pawn on move 19, creating an end game in which Hjartason's remaining pieces had little future. The winning of a second pawn followed shortly.

Sacrifice

Winslow said Hjartason eventually managed to activate his rooks and with a key sacrifice on move 39 had some hope for a draw. But Hjartason stepped into a mating net, resigning on move 45.

The third game in the match will be tomorrow. The winner of the candidates series of matches will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov for his world title in 1990. Other quarterfinals currently are underway or about to begin. One quarterfinal match already has been won by British grandmaster Jonathan Speelman, who advanced to the semifinals.

Wilson sentenced

NEWPORT, Kentucky, Jan 31, (AP): Cincinnati Bengals running back Stanley Wilson, suspended from the Super Bowl Football Championship because of a drug relapse, was sentenced yesterday on an unrelated charge of urinating on a sidewalk.

Terms of the sentence were not announced, but Justin Versi, the assistant Campbell county prosecutor in charge of the case, said he would recommend that Wilson be required to complete a drug treatment programme.



Rakes hits Hawks for 77

CCK cruise into semifinal

CCK reached the semifinals of a knockout cricket tournament with a four-wicket victory over Hawks at the Ahmadi ground earlier this week.

Everything seemed to go CCK's way from the start of the match. CCK won the toss and put Hawks in to bat. Hawks lost opener Waheed with only 17 runs on the board.

Allotted

Azam played well for his 58 while Sarwar remained unbeaten on 41 as Hawks went on to score 174 for the loss of five wickets in their 30 allotted overs.

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CCK opened their innings through Amanullah and Rakes who



Rakes: batted well

Amanullah could only score 12 runs before he was back in the pavilion. Nadeem and Riaz also

found the Hawks' bowling too accurate and were soon out without contributing much.

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Bowled

Rakes, who had been batting confidently, went for a big hit but missed the line of the ball and was bowled for 77. Rakes, however, had done his job as CCK now needed only four runs to take the match.

Faisal remained unbeaten on 41 as CCK went past the victory target. For Hawks, Sakhat was the main wicket-taker with five for 59. CCK will meet Hubert in the semifinals next month.

Wanted

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Asked

If the IBF does not cut all sporting ties with South Africa, a fighter such as Tyson would be asked whether he wants to keep the IBF title, which supports South Africa and consequently apathetic, as an insult to his face, or wants to keep WBC recognition," Sulaiman said.

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"Now that Europe has proved they can field a strong 12-man side... let us get back to a lot more points and see what happens," Floyd said.

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"This takes a lot of pressure off me to win," said Mochrie, who joined the LPGA Tour in October 1987. "Maybe it will be the start of two or three wins this season — but I hope they don't go 77 holes."

Mochrie, who tied with Daniel on nine-under-par 279, had matched pars on four sudden-death holes on Sunday before darkness halted play.

On the 18th hole yesterday

Mochrie shot for birdie from 20 feet away and settled for par again. Daniel, who had hit the green-side bunker in her second approach shot, missed a 12-footer for par to give Mochrie her first LPGA win.

"He's a good fighter, but I'm the best fighter," an upbeat Tyson said during the taping of the "Donahue" television programme, which was shown live in Las Vegas and was to be aired later in the week in the rest of the country.

Advantage

Asked by one of the 3,750-member audience whether Bruno had an advantage over other opponents the undefeated Tyson has faced because the two have sparred in the past, the champ said: "I was only a little boy then. I've grown up a lot since then."

Tyson meets Bruno in Las Vegas on February 25.

On the programme, in which audience members pose most of the questions, Tyson was asked repeatedly about his much-publicised estrangement from his actress wife Robin Givens.

Tyson: says he is the best

"I still love her," Tyson said. "It's very unhealthy situation. I could never go back."

Asked about his recent rash of

auto accidents and his street brawl with another boxer in which he injured his hand, Tyson said: "I have my moments. I can

be a bad boy."

Tyson, who has dated former Miss America Suzette Charles since he and Givens split, said he would like to be married again eventually.

Tyson, 22, has not fought since his June 27 88, 91-second knockout of Michael Spinks. Since then, he has twice sued his manager Bill Cayton for fraud, fractured his right hand in a street fight with fellow boxer Mitch Green, smashed his car into a tree and was accused by Givens of hitting her.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cup qualifier

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan 31, (AP): Algeria was awarded a 2-0 win in a soccer World Cup qualifying game which its opponent Libya refused to host earlier this month for alleged fear of a US military attack. FIFA said today.

Student Games

BRUSSELS, Jan 31, (Reuters): North Korea has emerged as the leading contender to host this year's World Student Games after its candidacy was unexpectedly proposed by South Korea, a top official said today.

Top ranking

ARLINGTON, Texas, Jan 31, (Reuters): Ivan Lendl regained the world-number-one men's tennis ranking for the first time since last September by claiming his first Australian Open title on Sunday, the Association of Tennis Professionals said last night.

Brazil win

SANTOS, Brazil, Jan 31, (Reuters): Brazil beat Uruguay 2-0 (halftime 0-0) in the last match of the qualifying stage in the Pele Cup for veteran soccer players yesterday.

W. German player

PARIS, Jan 31, (Reuters): West German defender Karlheinz Foerster indicated today that he may be ready to return to help his country qualify for the 1990 World Cup soccer finals in Italy in 1990.

Klimalb sentenced

TAMPA, Florida, Jan 31, (UPI): Former Olympic diving medalist Bruce Klimalb was sentenced to 17 years in prison for drunken driving-manslaughter yesterday in an accident that killed two teenagers and injured four others last summer.

Greg Lemond

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan 31, (AP): The 1986 Tour de France winner Greg Lemond, must ride exclusively for his Belgian team of ADR if the American wants to continue his comeback after a hunting accident two years ago, ADR officials said today.

Athlete killed

BEIJING, Jan 31, (UPI): Police in southern China killed one member of a track and field athletes team and wounded a second after the athletes shot six people to death in a bizarre incident following a dispute over money, the Beijing evening news reported today.

LAST PAIR DENY PAKISTAN VICTORY

Miandad hits Canterbury for ton



Miandad: gets his first century of the tour

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Jan 31, (Reuters): Canterbury's last two batsmen defied the probing spin of Abdul Qadir and clung on for the final five overs to deny Pakistan the first win of their cricket tour of New Zealand today.

Set 275 to win in 65 overs, Canterbury were 219 for nine at the close with tailenders Andrew Nuttall and Stu Roberts defending desperately.

Earlier Javed Miandad scored his first century of the tour as Pakistan took their overnight 120 for two to 235 for three before declaring and setting up the chance of a result.

Shared

Miandad made a stylish and unbeaten 101, which included 18 fours and came from 163 balls, and together with Aamer Malik shared a third-wicket stand of 133.

Aamer Malik made an attractive 80, peppered with 17 boundaries, before he was bowled by Chris Flanagan.

A hamstring injury caused regular opener Ben Harris to drop down the order, but David Boyle and Peter Kennedy gave

Canterbury a flying start by putting on 50 runs at the required rate of just over four an over.

But Kennedy then fell leg-before for 24 to the medium pace of Sikander Bakht and Paul McEwan was forced to leave the field after being hit in the face.

Captain Rod Latham was needlessly run out for four and the returning McEwan then became the first of Qadir's victims, leg before for 16.

Boyle also fell after scoring 54 but Canterbury still had a chance when they began the final 20 overs needing 104 to win with five wickets remaining.

Richard Hadlee with 37 and Lee Germon who made 20 shared a bright sixth-wicket

stand of 33, but once they were separated the lower order struggled, especially against Qadir who ended with figures of four for 55 from 20 overs.

But Pakistan, who start the first Test against New Zealand on Friday, were denied a morale-boosting win by the last pair.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings 258 for seven declared.

Second innings

Rameez Raja b Roberts 0

Moin-ul-Aaqib c Germon b Hadlee 29
Aamer Malik b Flanagan 30
Javed Miandad not out 101
Salim Malik not out 13
Extras (10-7 ab-5) 12
Total for three wickets 235

Fall of wickets 1-1, 2-54, 3-187

Did not bat: Shaikh Mohammad, Imran Khan, Salim Jaffer, Sikander Bakht, Asif Iqbal, Abdul Qadir.

Bowling: Hadlee 14-5-24-2,

Roberts 9-9-32-1, Flanagan 20-9-37-1, Nuttall 6-1-27-0, Priest 12-1-57-0.

CANTERBURY first innings 219

for five declared.

Second innings,

D. Boyle c Aamer b Asif 54

P. Kennedy lbw b Sikander 24

R. Latham run out 16

M. Priest c Asif b Qadir 24

L. Germon c Sikander b Jaffer 20

R. Hadlee b Qadir 37

C. Flanagan c Youssif b Jaffer 6

A. Nuttall not out 9

S. Roberts not out 6

Extras (5-7 ab-3) 19

Total for nine wickets 219

Fall of wickets 1-59, 2-75, 3-112, 4-125, 5-141, 6-174, 7-178, 8-201, 9-210.

Bowling: Imran Khan 7-1-17-1, Asif Iqbal 13-1-41-1, Abdul Qadir 20-3-55-4, Salim Jaffer 12-3-44-2, Sikander Bakht 12-1-42-1, Salim Malik 1-0-0-0.

Mechelen host PSV in first leg of Super Cup

BRUSSELS, Jan 31, (Reuters): Little Belgian soccer club Mechelen will have to contend with their won inferiority complex when they host Dutch giants PSV Eindhoven in the first leg of the Super Cup tomorrow.

Mechelen's swift rise to stardom, with their triumph in the European Cup winners' Cup last season, has not given them much confidence against European champions PSV.

"PSV are in a class of their own. They've got an incredible amount of individual talent — which we don't have," the Belgian League leaders' Dutch coach Ande de Mos said.

"PSV have four players up front who can all weigh on our defence. And they have (captain) Erik Geerts who still plays like a young hungry wolf," De Mos said.

Moves

De Mos singled out PSV's Brazilian striker Romario Faria and Dutch international Ronald Koeman, their star libero who moves to Barcelona next season.

The Super Cup will be a special occasion for Koeman as it means playing against his older brother and fellow international Erwin, a midfielder and one of several Dutch players at Mechelen.

Both Erwin Koeman and John Bosman, Mechelen's Dutch international striker, said Mechelen would have to rely on their defensive skills and energy to neutralise the attacking powers of PSV.

"We stand a chance because we're more homogeneous," Erwin Koeman said. "We are better organised, very strong as a whole," added Bosman.

PSV will not field their new Czechoslovak defender Josef



Romario Faria

Chovance, who is to take Ronald Koeman's place next season.

"It's too soon to call him up for such a tough match," said PSV coach Guus Hiddink.

Both sides will be depleted by injuries to key players.

PSV are missing goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen, out for the rest of the season, striker Wim Kieft, who faces surgery on his left knee, and Danish defender Jan Heintze.

Mechelen's Israeli player Eli Ohana has a hamstring injury. Belgian international sweeper Leo Clijsters, out with knee trouble since December, will be sidelined for another four weeks while young hopeful Frank Leen has a broken foot.

Teams:

Mechelen — Michel Preud'homme, Koen Sanders, Marc Emmer, Graeme Rutjes, Bruno Versavel, Wim Hofkens, Erwin Koeman, Pascal de Wilde, John Bosman, Paul de Mesmaeker, Piet den Boer.

PSV — to be announced.

Davis in England squad

NEW DELHI, Jan 31, (Reuters): India's cricket selection today included a batsman accused of culpable homicide in a list of possible players for the West Indies tour next month, but excluded another who had called them a bunch of jokers.

A squad

of about 14 are expected

to be picked from the 22 possibles after a coaching camp and then placed under Dilip Vengsarkar, who was retained as captain yesterday.

Decide

Among the 22 was Navjot Singh Sidhu, accused of beating a motorist to death after a traffic accident in Punjab state.

A court must now decide whether 24-year-old Sidhu can be allowed to leave India before the case is heard.

Another court is expected to consider batsman Mohinder Amarnath's plea against a 20,000-rupie (\$1,330) fine the Indian Cricket Board imposed on him for calling the selectors a bunch of jokers.

Opponent

Left-arm spinner Maninder Singh was also included in the possible but his opponent in a brawl at a cricket match, Manoj Prabhakar, has been left out.

Possibles: Krishnamachari Srikkanth, Arun Lal, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Mohammed Azharuddin, Ravi Shastri, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Sanjeev Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Narendra Hirwani, Ajay Sharma, Maninder Singh, Sanjay Manjrekar, W.V. Raman, M. Venkataraman, Chandrakanth Pandit, Saba Karim, Salil Ankola, Chetan Sharma, Roger Binny, Robin Singh and T.A. Shekar.